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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Salamonie Preschool offers 'E is for Energy!'

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool's "E is for Energy!" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Salamonie Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Honeywell Foundation's annual art competition open

The Honeywell Foundation's Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style

From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be

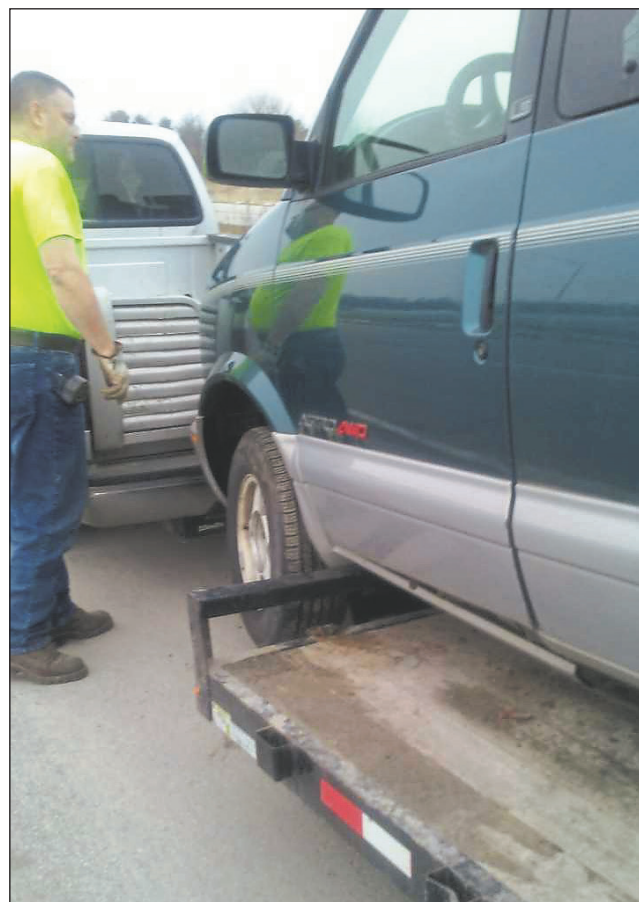
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(Left) On Monday afternoon on the north side of Wabash, one good Samaritan was assisted by yet another. (Right) On Monday afternoon on the north side of Wabash, one good Samaritan was assisted by yet another.

Good Samaritans helping good Samaritans

Couple with van in need of repair assisted twice in one day

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

On Monday afternoon on the north side of Wabash, one good Samaritan was assisted

by yet another.

In a phone interview, Gary Brown said the incident happened around 12:30 p.m. Monday near the intersection of Indiana 13 and Highway 24.

Brown said it started when the van belonging to Donna and Larry Coe broke down.

The vehicle was then loaded onto a trailer.

Brown said it was being taken to a second location by a good Samaritan to see if they could get it to run.

That was when the Coes ran into even more trouble.

"The van jumped the trailer while on (the) way," stated Brown.

Brown said luckily, though, a second helpful individual

used their tractor to help get the van back on the trailer.

"Good Samaritans stopped and helped get back on and helped to properly strap it down. Thank God they showed up. Now (we) hope the van will run," he said.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

State seeking a 10-year extension of the HIP

FSSA commits to renewing signature health coverage program

Staff Report

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has submitted its application for a 10-year extension of the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), the state's Medicaid alternative program for low-income, non-disabled adults, according to a press release.

Last week, the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services notified FSSA that it has completed its preliminary review of the application, which prompts

the start of a 30-day federal public comment period.

The HIP was first launched to a limited number of Hoosiers in 2008 and expanded to cover any eligible adult in 2015 as an alternative to traditional Medicaid expansion.

"HIP provides crucial health insurance coverage and access to quality care and services to more than 400,000 Hoosiers," stated the release. "Typically, the state's waiver to renew HIP is reviewed and approved every three to four years. For the first time, Indiana is pursuing a historic 10-year waiver, allowing key staff to spend more time operating and continually improving HIP so that it meets its goals, such as helping members manage their own health coverage and make choices as consumers of

health care. With this waiver application, Indiana solidifies its commitment to HIP as the model for health coverage reform in Indiana for the foreseeable future. Therefore, FSSA does not have plans to seek a Medicaid block grant at this time. Last month, CMS announced new options for states to seek waivers to innovative adult health coverage programs similar to the way Indiana has done with HIP."

The extension request asks CMS to approve HIP through December 2030, "locking in the plan that the state has achieved through a decade of data analysis, member and stakeholder feedback, and external reviews."

"In the current request, Indiana is asking for more flexibility in the contributions and

copayments assessed, subject to capped amounts. The state is also asking to extend newer components of HIP, such as treatment for substance use disorder and serious mental illness, for five years," stated the release.

FSSA also has an application pending with CMS to establish a new program to complement HIP, the HIP Workforce Bridge. HIP Workforce Bridge is designed to financially support HIP members who are transitioning to employer insurance or other health coverage.

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the HIP waiver application can do so at <https://tinyurl.com/vrke4dy> where it is posted for a 30-day federal public comment period.

Palascak to perform at Lagro benefit event

'Dia de Lagro' is set to take place Tuesday, May 5

Staff Report

Comedian and Wabash County celebrity, Michael Palascak, will bring laughter to Lagro as the headliner for the Lagro Canal Foundation's "Dia de Lagro" event to benefit the revitalization of downtown Lagro, according to a press release.

"Dia de Lagro" will take place Tuesday, May 5 at the Eads Barn, 4725 E. 200 North, Urbana. Appetizers, cocktails, singer Kimberly Rutledge and Emcee Reed Christiansen are set to begin at 5:30 p.m. A Mexican-themed dinner, catered by Gallery 64, will begin at 6 p.m. with Palascak taking the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$75 each, \$125 per couple or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information, visit lagrocanalfoundation.com.

"Palascak, who jumped to comedic fame during his run on 'Last Comic Standing' in 2015, has long made Wabash County a stop on his comedy tour circuit and has also been known to inject his sets with stories and humor about his early years living in Wabash," stated the release. "His headlining act on May 5 shows that even though it's been years since he's had a Wabash address, he still comes back and supports the place he called home."

A silent auction will be going on throughout the evening and winners will be announced at the conclusion of Michael Palascak's set.

"On its way to raising \$1 million, the Lagro Canal Foundation has embodied what it can look like when a group of passionate community members decides that their local history will not succumb to age and neglect," stated the release. "New roofs and spruced-up exteriors are just the beginning. As these buildings flourish with new potential, so too does the future of Lagro as it opens its newly-installed doors and welcomes in a world of new possibilities

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Indiana selected for federal employment program

Department of Labor aims help those with mental health disabilities

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) selected 12 states and the District of Columbia to participate in its Visionary Opportunities to Increase Competitive Integrated Employment (VOICE) initiative earlier this month, according to Scott Allen, deputy director for public affairs and media relations.

The chosen participants will receive support to help them develop policy designed to increase employment opportunities for people with mental health disabilities.

State's chosen

Arkansas; Colorado; Washington, D.C.; Indiana; Iowa; Kentucky; Louisiana; Michigan; Missouri; North Carolina; Tennessee; Virginia and Wisconsin will receive intensive policy consulting, technical support and peer mentoring to increase competitive integrated employment for people with mental health disabilities.

"Competitive integrated employment" is work in typical community settings, where most employees do not have disabilities and where an employer pays them directly at the greater of the minimum or prevailing wage. States participating in the VOICE initiative may self-direct their hours of peer mentoring support, with many choosing to help employment services providers transform their service models from segregated settings – where people with disabilities work apart from others – to inte-

grated settings. States may also form communities of practice for service providers or develop training on topics such as customized employment. Customized employment involves personalizing the relationship between an employee and their employer to meet both parties' needs, as well as individual placement and support.

Eligibility for the VOICE initiative included states that secured leadership from at least five state agencies responsible for Mental Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, Workforce, Education and Medicaid to assist in its implementation.

Local impact

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Marni Lemons, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) deputy director for communications and media, stated Indiana intends to use technical assistance from

this award to help improve employment outcomes for people with mental health issues who participate in FSSA's Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

"Unfortunately, employment outcomes for this population lag behind those of other people who engage in VR services who don't have mental health issues and only have physical limitations," she stated. "The 300 hours of training and technical assistance that our state has been awarded as part of the VOICE initiative will allow us to collaborate with experts and lay a foundation of supported employment which helps people living with mental health conditions work at competitive, integrated jobs of their choosing. Obtaining and maintaining employment – often thought to be out of reach of individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness – is, in reality,

an essential part of recovery. It has a positive impact on self-esteem, life satisfaction, and symptom reduction. Most people with mental illness want to work, and this initiative will help strengthen the infrastructure of services available to help make that a reality."

Lemons stated while this would not be specific to Wabash County, "this program will be positive for our state as a whole."

FSSA's Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) group will co-lead the program, with the support of the Indiana chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), KEY Consumer Organization and the Work to Include Coalition.

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PULSE

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announced.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

Manchester hosts Polar Plunge to aid Special Olympics

Manchester invites residents of Wabash and Kosciusko counties to Freezin’ for a Reason on Saturday, Feb. 22 outside the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC). Team members can sign up as participants, which means they jump in the water, or “virtual plungers,” who raise money but do not get wet. To register, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/soindiana/Polar-Plunge-North-Manchester>. Events begin at 10 a.m. with sign-ups and welcome, followed by costume judging at noon. The water portion is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with the After-Splash Bash lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Manchester Civic Band looking for new members

A callout meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Manchester High School band room through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building. Practices are held beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at either 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School Band Room.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Somerset Lions Club to hold euchre event

The Somerset Lions Club is set to host a euchre event Saturday, Feb. 29 in the Somerset Community Building. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Play begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cookies and chips will be available for a donation. Proceeds will support Somerset projects.

Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for March 2

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, March 2, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. UWIS interpretive naturalist Shelly Reed will present the “Civilian Conservation Corps of Indiana” through an engaging trivia presentation. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Ham and beans will be provided. Guests should bring a side

dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Spring’ March 3

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Spring” 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit dnr.IN.gov/uwis or facebook.com/upperwabash.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair

Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150.

For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

Manchester University Theatre Society offers variety show

The Manchester University Theatre Society is putting on the Spring 2020 Variety Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in Cordier Auditorium. The show at the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovellstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year

Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting growwabashcounty.com or events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at mitch@komets.com or by calling 260-482-6812.

Adult mental Health First Aid training planned

Purdue Extension will offer Adult Mental Health First Aid training from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Wabash REMC Community Room, 350 Wedcor Ave. The Mental Health First Aid program is open to any adult. For more information, visit www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa or contact Mindy Mayes by email at mayes7@purdue.edu or by phone at 260-663-0661 ext. 1408.

St. Trolley’s Day Tour on sale

Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley’s Day Tour happening on March 14 are available for purchase. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley’s Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit www.VisitWabashCounty.com and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.






NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit

The North Manchester Center for History will be hosting the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” from March 21 to May 3.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions





The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit.

5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 29 / 18	 Thursday Partly Cloudy 26 / 15	 Friday Sunny 30 / 24	 Saturday Partly Cloudy 39 / 32	 Sunday Mostly Cloudy 40 / 34
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:27 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:36 a.m.

 New 2/23	 First 3/2	 Full 3/9	 Last 3/16
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 29°, humidity of 56%. North wind 2 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 18°. South southeast wind 2 to 8 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 9°. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 26°, humidity of 56%.

Running is a great way to keep active as you age

DEAR DOCTOR: I was a runner in college, but I stopped running after marriage and kids and work. I’m 62 now, and everyone says that if I resume running I’ll get hurt because I’m too old. What do you think?

DEAR READER: We believe it’s never too late to begin exercising and, with certain important caveats, this includes running. Studies show that running offers a range of benefits to both physical and mental health. These



include improvements to cardiovascular function, strength, endurance and bone health, as well as mood and cognition. An analysis of running studies conducted by British researchers published last year found that running as little as once a week was associated with increased longevity. A similar study published in 2017 found that runners reduced their risk of premature death by up to 40 percent. Several studies have associated running with an increase in metabolic markers associated with bone formation.

This potentially good news matters only if your approach to running matches your age and your fitness level. That includes taking into account muscle strength, balance, range of motion, heart and lung function, and any chronic health conditions you may have. Even if you are in great shape, your running life will be different today from how it was in your 20s. Based on your age, you’ll need to adjust your frequency, speed, intensity and mileage.

Since osteoporosis is a risk for post-menopausal women, and running is a high-impact activity, we believe it’s important get a bone density test. It’s a quick and painless scan that assesses bone health and can reveal any potential problems. It can also be a predictor of future injuries.

Also, please check with your health care provider before you get back to running. They can be a great resource to keep you

strong and healthy, and to help track your progress. They can also make sure you’re being safe while getting back into running.

Do not try to do too much too soon. You’ve heard this before, but it really is important to ease in to your new activity. The most common running injuries, such as shin splints, stress fractures and Achilles tendon pain, arise from overuse. It’s tempting to set goals in terms of miles, but we recommend you think in terms of minutes. Begin by interspersing two or three minutes of gentle running (people used to call it jogging) with five or six minutes of running. Take a moment between cycles to stretch your quads and hamstrings, check your posture and control your

breath. Give yourself a few months to gradually build up to a regular running schedule. Make sure to include strength and resistance training in your weekly exercise rotation, which will help prevent overuse injuries. Finally, finishing with gentle leg, hip and torso stretches will help your body recover and get you ready for your next run.

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All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

Downhill (R) Fri: 6:30, 8:55 Sat: 1:55, 4:15, 6:30, 8:55 Sun: 1:55, 4:15, 6:30 Mon- Thurs: 6:30	Birds of Prey (R) Fri: 6:35, 9:25 Sat: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35, 9:25 Sun: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35 Mon- Thurs: 6:35	Dolittle (PG) Fri: 6:50, 9:15 Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 6:50, 9:15 Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 6:50 Mon- Thurs: 6:50
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Cash 5 18-21-30-34-38
Cash4Life
16-31-35-36-37, Cash Ball: 4
Daily 3 midday 3-7-6, SB: 8
Daily 3 evening 6-8-2, SB: 3
Daily 4 midday 8-4-2-1, SB: 8
Daily 4 evening 6-9-2-9, SB: 3
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$45 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

TUESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....	76
Copper.....	2.63
Lead.....	.87
Zinc.....	.98
Gold.....	1,600.88
Silver.....	18.16
Platinum.....	990.51

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DeVon A. Wilson

March 9, 1923 – Feb. 16, 2020

DeVon A. Wilson, 96, of North Manchester, Indiana passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester. He was born March 9, 1923 in Wabash, Indiana to Allen and Charlotte (Custer) Wilson. DeVon and his future wife, Marcella, were baptized on the same day, April 16, 1935, although they didn't realize it at the time. They discovered it when their granddaughter was baptized on the same date 60 years later. DeVon graduated from Chippewa High School in 1941 and Indiana Technical College in 1943 with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. He served two and a half years in the U.S. Army Air Corp (as a radio/gunner) during W. W. II. On June 12, 1945, he married his childhood sweetheart, Marcella Jean Hauptert, and in 2019, they celebrated their 74th anniversary before she passed away.

DeVon is survived by two children, Brent (Eleanore) Wilson of McCordsville, Indiana, and Dr. Rebecca Wilson of Mishawaka, Indiana, and his son-in-law, Ralph Frank of Wabash, Indiana. He loved his six grandchildren: Peter Frank of Wilmington, N. Carolina, Jason (Karen) Frank of Sevierville, Tennessee, Dr. Chad (Molly) Wilson of Noblesville, Indiana, Kara (Dan) Shipman of Carmel, Indiana, Abbi (Steve) Yap of Fairfield, Connecticut, and Amanda Wilson of Lexington, Kentucky, and his seven great-grandchildren: Maya Wilson, Isabel Shipman, Mason Shipman, Calvin Frank, Levi Frank, Logan Yap and Devon Yap. DeVon was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Eileen Deal, two brothers Dale and Dean Wilson, his wife, Marcella, and his daughter, Cheri Frank.

DeVon worked as a rubber chemist at General Tire and Rubber Company in Wabash for 40 years, where, in the 1960's he produced a rubber compound that was used on a NASA rocket. After he retired, he twice served as a rubber consultant in South Korea. He also owned Wabash Interiors



(carpet store) for ten years.

DeVon was a faithful and life-long member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Wabash, where he served in various capacities-as a Deacon, Elder, youth group leader, financial secretary, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, and choir member. DeVon was a first degree Mason.

He was a dedicated life-long blood donor, who donated 32 gallons (256 pints) of blood during his life-time (until the age of 92). He played on the basketball team at Chippewa High School. At various times, he was active in Toastmasters, a local softball team, and in a barber shop quartet. He also loved bowling and church volleyball, and he golfed until he was 95. In his later years, he gardened and loved to share his cucumbers with everyone. He traveled to the Bahamas, Caymans, Mexico, Jamaica, South Korea, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Services, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, Indiana, with Solomon David officiating. Burial will be at the Memorial Lawns Cemetery in Wabash. Friends may call from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, the Red Cross, or the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

The memorial guestbook for DeVon may be signed on-line at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Jon W. Guenin

Jan. 19, 1943 – Feb. 16, 2020

Jon W. Guenin, 77, of LaFontaine, passed away at 4:56 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, at his home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 at St. James Lutheran Church, 1206 N. Miller Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46952.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 p.m. –

8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, at St. James Lutheran Church in Marion.

Funeral services have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Vera 'Maxine' Baker

July 27, 1936 – Feb. 16, 2020

Vera "Maxine" Baker, 83, of Wabash, formerly of Lagro, Indiana, died at 11:56 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born July 27, 1936 in Marianna, Arkansas to William Franklin and Mollie Belle (Oxner) James.

Maxine married Ronald L. Baker in Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 27, 1954; he died March 4, 2005. She was the Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Lagro, retiring after 38 years. Maxine was a member of the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers, The National Association of Clerk-Treasurers, Wabash County Republican Women's Club, and vice chairman of the Lagro Precinct No. 2. She was a member of the Century Club, a 61 year member of the Lagro American Legion Auxiliary, previously she also served for more than 25 years as secretary of the Wabash County Area Five Council on Aging. Maxine also served as the Treasurer for the Metro/Lagro Summer Baseball League and financial officer for the Lagro Good Ole Days Festival Committee. She was awarded the 2007 Clerk-Treasurer of the Year award from the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water during its annual conference in Bloomington. She enjoyed volunteering at the local community center, spending time with her family, reading, solving crossword and sudoku puzzles, knitting, crocheting, scrap-booking, and making holiday treats for family and friends.

She is survived by three children, Ron Baker of Casa Grande, Arizona, Rick Baker of Wabash, and



Robbi (Jeff) LaSalle of Peru, Indiana, seven grandchildren, Brent (Allison) Baker of New Palestine, Indiana, Ryan (Gina) Baker of Wabash, Calen Baker of Bloomington, Indiana, Gerad (Esperanza) Baker of Casa Grande, Arizona, Justin Baker of Houma, Louisiana, Megan (Chris) Prater of Martinsville, Indiana, and Mandy Buttry of Bloomington, 8 great grandchildren, three sisters, Sybil (Mike) New of Bloomfield, Indiana, Gracie (Charles) Bohall of Owensburg, Indiana, and Annie (Jeff) Ross of Wabash, and her sister-in-law, Rose Thayer of Bloomington. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Rory Baker who died in 1966, and her brother, Roy Van James.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Friends may call 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Lagro Canal Foundation Fund c/o Community Foundation of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Maxine may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

E. Pauline Miller

E. Pauline Miller, 94, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away on Feb. 16, 2020.

Pauline Miller is survived by her son, William "Bill" (Marsha) Miller; brothers, Kenneth Fingerle and Chester Fingerle; sisters, Elsie Geiser and Doris Kelsey; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; one great-great

grandchild.

Calling Feb. 20 from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, 12546 North State Road 13, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin on Feb. 21 at 1 a.m. at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church. Burial will be at the Old German Baptist Brethren Cemetery.

Phillip Sadler, Jr.

Funeral services for Phillip Sadler, Jr. will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Isaac William 'Ike' Binkerd

Oct. 28, 1931 – Feb. 14, 2020

Isaac William "Ike" Binkerd, age 88, of Wabash, went home to his Savior on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor in Wabash, surrounded by most of his loving family. Ike was born in Wabash County, Indiana on Oct. 28, 1931 to Raymond Ross Binkerd and Bessie Edna (Hullinger) Binkerd. He honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1952-1954 on the front lines during the Korean War. He married Gloria Ann Hoffman on June 3, 1956 at EUB Church in Wabash and she survives him. Ike was an auto mechanic. He worked for Robinet Buick, Sears, and for 25 years owned and operated Ike's Kerr McGee in Wabash, which later became Union 76. He loved cars and attending car shows.

Ike is survived by his wife, Gloria Binkerd of Wabash, four sons, Keith (Theresa) Binkerd of Logansport, Kevin (Lori) Binkerd of Andrews, Kurt Binkerd of Muncie and Kraig (Sharon) Binkerd of Anderson, 10 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and his sister-in-law Rebecca Binkerd of Wabash.



He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Richard Binkerd, Ruth Ellen Lynn, and Frances Martin

Visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the funeral service following at 1 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St. In Wabash with Rev. Chris Tiedeman officiating. Burial with military honors will take place at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, 1100 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana. Memorial donations may be made to Christ United Methodist Church in Wabash or to the Urbana Lions Club. Arrangements entrusted to Northern Indiana Funeral Care.

Paul Harold Brane

May 29, 1934 – Feb. 15, 2020

Paul Harold Brane, 85, of rural LaFontaine, Indiana, died at 1p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at his home. He was born May 29, 1934 in Wabash County, Indiana to Russell and Susanna (Thompson) Brane.

Paul was a 1952 graduate of LaFontaine High School, and attended the Purdue University Agriculture Short Course. He was a US Army veteran, serving in the Panama Canal zone. He first married Gladys Meggit; she died in 1983. Paul then married Joann (Smithley) Scott; she died Aug. 7, 2017. He was a farmer retiring after 35 years. Paul also was a rural mail carrier in LaFontaine for 10 years full time and 13 years part-time, and did carpentry work. He was a member of the Healing Heart Church of God in Marion. He enjoyed camping and wintered in Florida several years.

He is survived by his two brothers, John R. Brane of Van Buren, Indiana, and Claude (Mary) Brane of LaFontaine, nieces and nephews, Mike (Lori)

Brane of LaFontaine, Debbie (Guy) Blanchard of Fishers, Indiana, Sam (Patricia) Brane of LaFontaine, Darryl (Christine) Brane of Van Buren, Anna (Brian) Brown of Goshen, Indiana, Sarah (Greg) Brankle and Susan (Eric) Hinderliter, both of Van Buren, two step-sons, Ronald (Kathy) Scott of Logansport, and John (Karen) Scott of Kokomo, Indiana, 4 step-grandchildren, and 11 step great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Donald Brane.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Burial will be in LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends may call 12:30-2 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the charity of the Donor's choice.

The memorial guest book for Paul may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

SpaceX aims to launch up to 4 tourists into super high orbit

By **MARCIA DUNN**
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX aims to launch up to four tourists into a super high orbit, possibly by the end of next year.

The private company is working with Space Adventures Inc. for the flight, officials announced Tuesday. Ticket prices are not being divulged but expected to be in the millions.

Space Adventures already has helped put tourists into orbit with trips to the International Space Station, working with the Russian space program.

For this trip, paying customers will skip the space station and instead orbit two to three times higher, or roughly 500 miles to 750 miles above Earth.

It's a lofty goal that would approach the record 850-mile-high orbit achieved by Gemini 11's Pete Conrad and Dick Gordon in 1966.

The tourist flight "will forge a path to making spaceflight possible for all people who dream of it," SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell said in a statement.

Elon Musk's California-based SpaceX already is dabbling in space tourism, signing on a Japanese billionaire to fly to the moon in three or so years. Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic also plan tourist trips to space, but these will be brief up-and-downs, not orbital.

SpaceX will use the same kind of Dragon capsule that

will launch NASA astronauts to the space station, possibly in another few months. The capsule has flown only once in space so far, making its debut last year in a successful test flight without a crew.

Space Adventures spokeswoman Stacey Tearne said the tourist flight could occur in the last quarter of 2021. The company is in discussions with "several potential clients."

No professional pilot or astronaut will be required, Tearne said, because the Dragon is fully autonomous. But passengers will be able to control the spacecraft if required, she said in an email.

The cost will be in line with previous tourist flights, she said. Canadian billionaire Guy

Lablerte, founder of Cirque du Soleil, paid \$35 million for a 1 1/2-week space station flight in 2009. He said from orbit that it was "worth every penny and more."

Like all previous space tourists, he launched on a Russian rocket from Kazakhstan.

This private Dragon flight from Cape Canaveral will be shorter, lasting up to five days, according to Tearne.

Based in Vienna, Virginia, Space Adventures helped arrange the flight of the world's first space tourist, Dennis Tito, founder and chairman of Wilshire Associates in California. He flew to the space station on a Russian capsule in 2001, igniting the wrath of top NASA officials who opposed visiting tourists.

DNR: NW Indiana fish kill likely caused by 'a natural event'

PORTAGE (AP) — About 200 fish that were found dead Sunday in a northwestern Indiana river likely died due to natural causes, state wildlife officials said.

The shad were found near a Portage, Indiana, marina along the East Branch of the Little Calumet River and all indications point to the fish dying from "a natural event," said James Brindle, communications director for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Shad appears to be the only fish species affected, and no other negative effects on wildlife — including birds eating the shad — have been observed, he said.

The DNR said that shad die-offs are common in Indiana winters, especially when the temperature suddenly drops from the 30s and 40s to well below freezing — as happened last week in northwest Indiana. The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is expected to conclusively determine the cause of the fish kill in coming days.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight; thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Psalms 5:5

China's secrecy on coronavirus is a killer

China has a new hero. Li Wen-liang was one of eight doctors who tried to sound the alarm at the end of December about a new illness spreading quickly in the city of Wuhan. Instead of listening to the doctors, though, authorities silenced them and lost precious time to contain what we now know as the coronavirus. Dr. Li himself contracted the disease and on Friday he died at the age of just 34. His death sparked an outpouring on Chinese social media of grief at his fate and anger against officials who were more concerned about hushing up bad news than looking out for the safety of the public.

Coronavirus, the World Health Organization said on Tuesday, is still confined almost entirely to China. But it has already claimed over 1,000 lives there (more than SARS) and should now be considered "a very grave threat for the rest of the world."

In fact, says the WHO, it must be treated as "public enemy number 1" for its potential to spread death and instability far beyond its point of origin in China's Hubei province.

Already, though, as Li Wen-liang's tragic story shows, the virus has shaken faith in China's authoritarian political system. Many Chinese are outraged that local officials in Hubei were more concerned about stopping the spread of what they dismissed as mere "rumours" than getting

to the truth about about a dangerous new sickness.

Before he died, Li himself spelled out the impact. "If the officials had disclosed information about the epidemic earlier," he said, "I think it would have been a lot better. There should be more openness and transparency."

Of course, officialdom everywhere often falls short when a new threat emerges, even in supposedly democratic countries. But in a quasi-totalitarian system like China it's a lot easier for the state to use its raw power to shut down inconvenient news, and there are few non-official channels for the truth to emerge.

The result in the case of the coronavirus, which the WHO now officially calls COVID-19, was that local officials covered up the spread of the outbreak for weeks. It wasn't until the last day of 2019 that Chinese scientists shared information with the WHO and isolated the virus. Meanwhile, the disease gained a foothold in Wuhan, a metropolis of 11 million people, and many people travelled out of the city – potentially spreading it across the country.

Public outrage did spill over on China's social media after Li's death. The hashtag #WeWantFreedomofSpeech spread on the Weibo platform before censors deleted it, and academics launched two petitions in favour of freer information.

But after a brief opening up, the government has once again

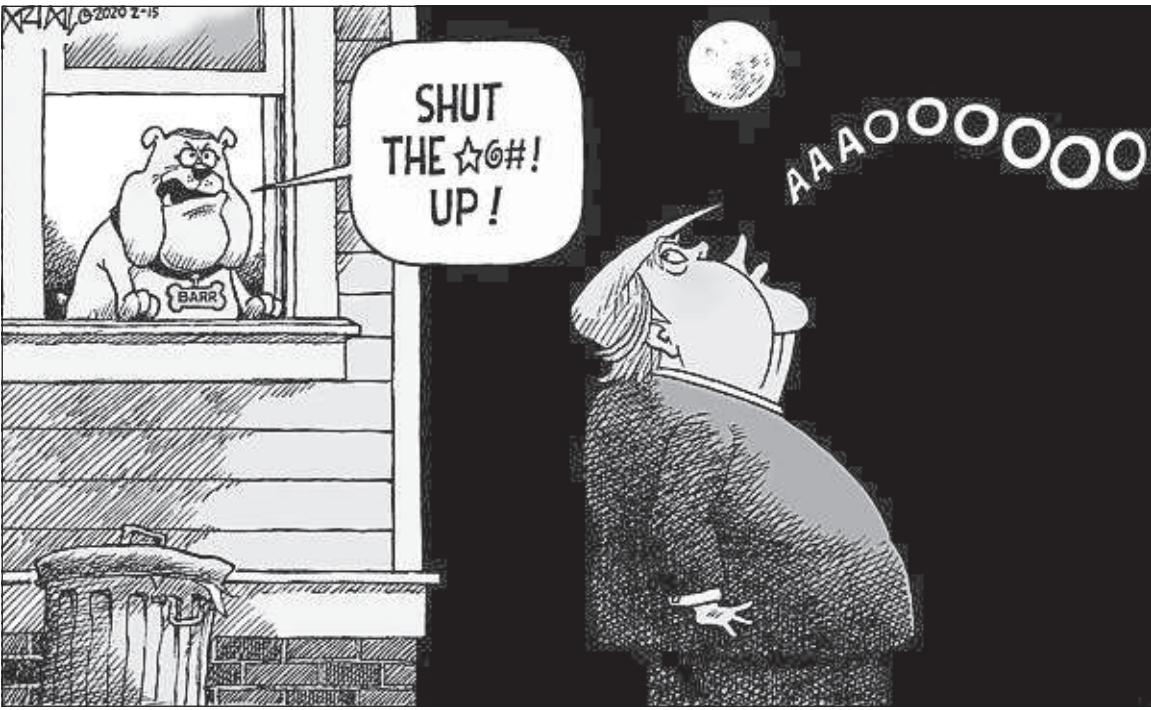
clamped down. Media organizations have been directed to focus on positive stories about efforts to contain the virus and on "vividly conveying the stirring achievements from the front lines of epidemic prevention." Stories critical of the government response have vanished from view and President Xi Jinping has emphasized the need to "strengthen control over online media" to maintain social stability.

By all accounts, though, discontent about the government's performance in this crisis has not been contained, and has spread far beyond Hubei province, where a staggering 56 million people remain effectively quarantined. The government has already been forced to respond; two senior health officials have been sacked, and it's expected the reckoning will go much further than that.

The Chinese have done a lot right in their response to COVID-19. When officials finally acted, they did so decisively, cutting off travel in and out of the most affected area and keeping the WHO informed about the disease.

But this outbreak has revealed a lot about the weaknesses of the Chinese system as well. A system that silences those who try to tell the truth can never be the best at what Mao Zedong famously called "serving the people."

This editorial was first published in The Toronto Star.



America the banana republic

I covered South America for The Washington Post from 1988 to 1992, a time when nations such as Argentina, Brazil and Peru were struggling to reestablish democratic norms after the long, dark night of military dictatorship. One of the biggest challenges was implant-

Eugene Robinson



ing something we take for granted in this country: public confidence that justice, for the most part, is blind and engages in an honest search for truth.

I never thought I'd be living in a country like that again. But thanks to President Trump and the inexcusable damage he is doing to our justice system, South America's past has become America's present.

There has been considerable hyperventilation, some perhaps by me, about the grave harm Trump is doing to our democratic institutions. I am not hyperventilating now. Public faith in justice is a delicate, precious thing. Once squandered, it is incredibly hard to regain.

That's the kind of damage Trump is threatening with his outrageous and un-American attacks on the Justice Department and the federal judiciary for finding his cronies – including longtime political adviser Roger Stone, former national security adviser Michael Flynn and campaign manager Paul Manafort – guilty of crimes and deserving of punishment. I know what the impact of this behavior is, because I've seen how it plays out before.

I lived in Argentina, where the president for much of my time there, Carlos Menem, was a populist norm-breaker who nep-

otistically involved his family in running the government and was widely viewed as corrupt. In 1991, Menem's sister-in-law and appointments secretary, Amira Yoma, was indicted on money-laundering charges that involved suitcases full of cash allegedly being smuggled in and out of the country. Yoma's ex-husband was head of the customs service at Ezeiza international airport outside Buenos Aires, where he allegedly facilitated the cash-smuggling.

Menem was accused of secretly meeting with the prosecuting judge in charge of the Yoma case. The president initially denied having had such a meeting but ultimately admitted it, claiming it was about some unrelated matter. The judge's secretary alleged that the judge went to the presidential residence, where she showed Menem secret prosecution documents about the Yoma case.

That judge was suddenly taken off the case, which was assigned to a different judge, and Yoma was eventually cleared of all charges. It is safe to say that few Argentines were surprised.

There simply was very little confidence in the ability of the justice system to discern truth from falsehood or to punish the powerful and well-connected. There was an understanding, moreover, that prosecutors and the court system could and sometimes would be used as political tools.

Years after leaving office, Menem was convicted on unrelated charges involving weapons smuggling and embezzlement. He maintained his innocence, claiming he was being persecuted by his political enemies.

In those fragile democracies I covered years ago, seeing justice be warped by politics had a corrosive effect on the larger

society. A lack of confidence that court proceedings could – or even were intended to – arrive at truth encouraged the propagation and spread of conspiracy theories. Argentina still struggles to escape the widespread belief that unseen forces control events from deep in the shadows.

This is not the sort of path I ever thought the United States could possibly take. Our justice system obviously has flaws, starting with the way it disproportionately punishes people of color. But it has not been naïve, at least in my lifetime, to believe that federal prosecutors and judges tried their very best not to let politics influence their decisions – and that they generally succeeded because they took their responsibilities seriously.

When four assistant U.S. attorneys asked to be taken off the Stone case, they were sounding an alarm. We must all pay attention.

Their recommendation that Stone serve seven to nine years in prison for his crimes was tough, but federal prosecutors tend to be tough. Stone was duly convicted in a court of law, and U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson will decide his punishment. But when higher-ups in Attorney General William Barr's Justice Department overrule the prosecutors who handled the case on Stone's recommended sentence; when Trump tries to delegitimize those prosecutors as "Angry Democrats" because they worked for former special counsel Robert Mueller III; and when Trump goes so far as to try to intimidate Jackson, a highly respected veteran federal judge – when such things happen, I have to wonder whether I'm back in Carlos Menem's Argentina.

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Our 'in-between' citizens

How about those kids today, huh? Don't ask members of the Indiana General Assembly. They're still trying to figure it out. In every legislative session, issues come up that the most astute observers had not anticipated. This time around, there seem to be a lot of proposals involving young people that weren't on anyone's

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radar. Lawmakers have suggested, among other things:

Allowing 16-year-olds to vote.

Increasing the age at which Hoosier youngsters may marry from 15 to 18, 17 in some circumstances.

Increasing the smoking and vaping age from 18 to 21 and increasing the penalties for selling to those younger than 21.

Lowering from 14 to 13 the age at which children accused of certain crimes can be tried in adult court.

Raising from 18 to 21 the age at which Hoosier youths may buy rifles (the age that they must already be to buy handguns).

Requiring children to wear safety helmets when riding bicycles, skateboards and non-motorized scooters.

Preventing sex crime victims under the age of 16 from having to give pre-trial depositions.

Allowing children with mental health issues to have five days of psychiatric consultation instead of two or three.

If some or all of these initiatives were to pass, it wouldn't add much clarity to existing state statutes, which already hold that the youth of Indiana can sue somebody at age 14 and buy life insurance at 16, vote at 18 but not drink until 21. They can stay on their parents' insurance until they're 26, but give a former president the credit (or blame) for that.

With an exception or two, the proposals reflect Indiana lawmakers' struggles with the vague phenomenon known as "the teen years," that period of transition when young people are no longer quite children and not yet quite adults. Where along that continuum do they become less of one and more of the other, and how should the law respond?

It's pretty much a modern problem, since the very concept of "teenager" didn't come along until several years into the 20th century.

Before that, there were boys and girls, who were at home on the family farm or working in the family business, and grownups, who left home and started their own families. There might have been a few days or a week or two in between, when Junior sat down with Dad to discuss the way of the world and Mom told Little Missy she was ready for marriage, but there was little transition period, certainly not one lasting for seven years.

Then, several things happened. The push for universal education brought us high schools, which took kids out of the home environment for four years and allowed them to create their own culture. Increasing affluence gave them money to spend. And the automobile gave them mobility and independence.

Suddenly there sprang up a whole new category of human being not seen before, and the world hasn't been the same.

As a society, we are torn between infantilizing these in-betweeners, letting them extend their childhoods forever, and putting them in charge, setting the trends adults slavishly follow and giving us lectures on everything from gun control to climate change. The Indiana legislature seems to awhile wallow in the confusion.

Logic tells us that no two teens are alike. Some are mature enough at 13 to take on the most complex adult issue. And some will never grow up no matter how old they are.

But common sense says that we can't stop and take every individual situation into account. The law must make an arbitrary distinction.

The age of 18 seems like a good one. It's considered the age of majority in most states, and it's the age when a young person can join the military without parental consent. There's a certain ring of truth to the argument that "if they're old enough to die for their country, they're old enough to (fill in the blank)."

Take that as a friendly suggestion, General Assembly. Make 18 the dividing line, the age at which Hoosier youth enter adulthood with all its privileges and obligations.

But make them wear safety helmets on skateboards. Can't be too careful.

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Education

NORTHFIELD RELEASES FIRST-SEMESTER HONOR ROLLS

Staff Report

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School has released its first-semester honor rolls, according to a press release. All A Honor Roll

Grade 12

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Grade 11

Emma L. Brainard, Lyndsey R. Carter, Logan J. Cox, Braylen I. Fleck, Elise G. Gottschalk, Abigail F. Hunter, Jenna L. Krom and Jett N. Snyder.

Grade 10

Emma M. Beall, Skyler D. Burnham, Kayden M. Cruz, Ainsley R. Dale, Ashley J. Lyons, Nicholas J. Smith, Jacob R. Snyder, Jaidon D. Truman and Kyle A. Wynn.

Grade 9

Lillian M. Hobbs, Ella D. Hunter, Natalee D. Keller, Kylie A. Leland, Avry M. Napier, Avery P. Shrider, Brooklyn N. Stout and Claire E. Thompson.

Grade 8

Isaiah S. Beall, Trinity A. Bever, Brihanna L. Boucher, Autumn R. Burruss, Ava M. Copeland, Gabreil A. Hauptert, Hannah M. Holmes, Eden L. Hoover, Anna F. Kissel, Jaycie P. Krom, Madeline C. Moore, Emma M. Napier, John R. Nesler, Emily L. Rehak, Landon E. Shoue and Mara E. Zolman.

Grade 7

Jaden W. Baer, Elliott K. Baker, Eli S. Bone, Emma E. Bone, Joshua K. Boring, Maddux R. Daniels, Joanna J. Drancik, Gretta E. France, William P. Gray, Camryn K. Kuhn, Jaeda M. Lynn, Shelby C. Macy, Jaxsen W. Shriden, Graci G. Napier, Macie L. Overlander, Kendal A. Rosen, Abigail N. Schnepf, Easton A. Shaw and Emma L. Warnock. All A/B Honor Roll

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Grade 11

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Grade 10

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Grade 9

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Grade 8

Destynnee S. Bayliss, Adam J. Bever, Jessica M. Brunett, Ryan P. Brunett, Konner G. Carpenter, Aden J. Eads, Emma L. Eviston, Olivia H. French, Madison P. Hall, Reid A. Hauptert, Connor D. Herring, Kaitlyn L. Holley, Atziry G. Lara-Menchaca, Alexis J. Lefel, Josephine M. Lynn, Brady P. McDonald, Brandon D. Mckillip, Marielle A. Roberts, Abby M. Ruff, Benjamin L. Snyder, Kody W. Stambaugh, Turner L. Stephens, Jonathon F. Treska, Baden M. Turner, Quintenn A. Vigar, Hannah G. Wilson and Kyle L. Yeiser.

Grade 7

Blake A. Aderman, Tyson W. Baer, Lucis J. Bever, Isaac A. Burkhardt, Noah A. Copeland, Hailey E. Cruz, Connor A. Dillingham, Kami M. Frank, Lucas R. Hauptert, Luke R. Hauptert, Anna G. Hodson, Jared L. Holmes, Steven R. Kowalczyk, Corbyn A. Lane, Eli A. Mattern, Riley A. Mckillip, Kendall R. Mercer, Marcus R. Meyer, Ryland M. Miller, Shatay M. Niccum, Parker R. Oswalt, Kirsten J. Rife, Jaima R. Vigar, Matthew S. Wallen, Allisyn C. Weaver and Josilyn R. Weaver.

Spence Trick of North Manchester named to UA Dean’s List

A total of 12,050 students enrolled were named to list

Staff Report

Spence R. Trick, of North Manchester, was named to The University of Alabama Dean’s List for fall 2019, according to a press release. A total of 12,050 students enrolled during the 2019 fall

term at UA were named to the Dean’s List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President’s List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s). The UA Dean’s and President’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Local residents earn degrees from WGU

WGU has recognized 5,617 undergraduate and 4,302 graduate degree recipients

Staff Report

The following local residents have earned their degree from Western Governors University (WGU), according to a press release. The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 167,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997: ■ Michelle Wallisch, of Lagro, has earned a Bachelor of Science, nursing degree. ■ Courtney Trusty, of Wabash, has earned a Master

of Business Administration degree. ■ Amy Watson, of Wabash, has earned a Bachelor of Science, nursing degree. WGU has recognized 5,617 undergraduate and 4,302 graduate degree recipients, who have completed their degrees since Oct. 2, 2019. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor’s degree was two years, two months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was one year, six months. The average age for those who graduated is 38 years old.

Videos used by schools question minimum wage, climate change

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

The federal judge’s message to an assembly of social studies students at a Virginia high school seemed straightforward: Courts too often meddle in the affairs of private commerce. The senior appellate judge, Douglas Ginsburg, was talking about the Constitution, telling students how the courts got it wrong by ruling that the commerce clause gave the federal government authority to regulate the cats that roam author Ernest Hemingway’s former home in Key West. “The Framers didn’t design an almighty federal government that could reach down right into your backyard,” the conservative judge said on a video shown during the presentation. Ginsburg’s appearance at Justice High School was a collaborative project between Fairfax County Public Schools and a group called Izzit.org, which provides educational materials and videos to students across the country. Izzit’s materials have a decidedly libertarian outlook, though that’s not always immediately apparent to the teachers who download their free content. A video that questions the rationale for minimum wage laws is under math, for example. Another video, called “Unstoppable Solar Cycles,” downplays man’s role in climate change. The video comes with a quiz in which the correct answer is that man “plays a small part in global warming.”

Another, called “I am Human,” questions “America’s historical obsession with race” with criticism of former President Barack Obama for choosing to identify as African American rather than biracial. Fairfax County schools, on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., defended its collaboration with Izzit. “Izzit is an educational nonprofit that specializes in creating free, standards-aligned content for educators that fosters critical thinking and respectful debate,” the school system said in a statement. Critics, though, say Izzit extols a right-wing ideological perspective. Samantha Parsons, who works for UnKoch My Campus, said Izzit’s work fits with the agenda of the Charles Koch Foundation, which has given hundreds of millions of dollars to colleges in recent years to bolster what Parsons and others have said is an effort to promote right-wing ideology on campuses. She said Izzit, like the Kochs, uses words like “liberty” and “freedom” to mask its right-wing agenda. “It’s Koch-speak,” Parsons said of the buzzwords for policies like deregulation, tax cuts and free market supremacy. Izzit President and Chief Executive Rob Chatfield said Izzit advocates a distinct philosophical perspective. He was reluctant to categorize it as conservative or even libertarian, because he said those terms carry a political connotation that Izzit has no interest in promoting.

“It’s that people who are free tend to be happier, wealthier,” he said. “If that’s the underlying theme that students pick up on, we’ve done our job.” Tax records show the Koch Foundation gave \$83,000 in 2016 and 2017 to Izzit’s parent company, the Erie, Pennsylvania-based Free to Choose Network, according to tax documents. Chatfield, though, said Izzit itself has never received direct funding from the Koch network and primarily gets its funding from “self-made entrepreneurs.” Izzit, founded in 2006, says its goal is to “help educators teach the next generation about the ideas, institutions, and benefits of a free society.” More than 300,000 teachers – most in public schools – across the country use its materials, Chatfield said. The teacher who coordinated the Virginia school’s participation in the project, Eric Welch, said in an email that “there was nothing, absolutely nothing that Judge Ginsburg brought up that was controversial or politically motivated,” according to documents obtained under the state’s Freedom of Information Act. Bias, though, is in the eye of the beholder, said India Meissel, a history teacher in Suffolk, Virginia, and past president of the National Council on Social Studies. She said some teachers might use Izzit material and see a need to balance it out with a different perspective. Others might see it as right down the middle and ready for use as is.

“A good teacher presents both sides,” she said, and lets students develop their critical thinking to make up their own minds. Rachel Colsman, a teacher at Durango High School in Colorado, said there are precious few supplemental resources, particularly free ones, to provide content for social studies teachers. She said she does not perceive an ideological skew in Izzit’s materials and thinks it does a good job of engaging students and prompting them to think critically, even if they don’t agree with the perspectives. She cited the “I am Human” video as one in particular that “raised some hackles,” but she said that’s OK. “Teaching students how to have a reasonable dialogue without getting offended is such a lost art,” Colsman said. Chatfield said he’s proud of the “I am Human” video because it takes on a controversial topic that often gets overlooked. He acknowledged that the criticism of Obama’s personal choices on racial identification, which comes from one of the people interviewed in the video, goes farther than he would. He said what’s important is not the opinion itself but the opportunity to spark a conversation. Chatfield offered only a minimal defense of “Unstoppable Solar Cycles,” saying the video is old and was put out in response to the notion that man-made climate change is settled science. “If anyone says that something is settled, I want to question that,” he said.

Transgender athletes seek to become defendants in lawsuit

By PAT EATON-ROBB
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Two transgender high school runners want to become defendants in a federal lawsuit that seeks to block them from participating in girls sports in Connecticut. Terry Miller and Andraya Yearwood would be stripped of the right to run track this spring if a judge rules against a state policy that allows high school athletes to compete as the gender with which they identify, their lawyers argued in a court filing Friday. Attorneys for three girls filed the lawsuit last week against the state board that governs high school athletics and several school districts. Miller and Yearwood want a U.S. district judge to delay ruling on a motion that would

expedite a temporary injunction against the state policy. Their attorneys indicated to the court they plan to file a motion to intervene in the case this week. “Plaintiffs should not be allowed to file a lawsuit whose core purpose is to exclude Andraya and Terry from the spring track meets, but then prevent them from participating in the lawsuit by not naming them as parties,” attorney Dan Barrett wrote in Friday’s filing. Attorneys for the three girls who sued argued Tuesday against any delay and wrote that their lawsuit filed under Title IX, the federal educational law that bans discrimination on the basis of sex, followed the law by focusing on the policy and not naming the two transgender girls as defendants. “Notably, while there are a

great many reported Title IX decisions on the books, Yearwood and Miller cite not a single case in which students whose interests or wishes would be adversely impacted by the requested relief were joined as parties, necessary or otherwise,” the attorneys wrote. Connecticut is one of 17 states that allowed transgender high school athletes to compete without restrictions in 2019, according to Transathlete.com, which tracks state policies in high school sports across the country. Eight states had restrictions that make it difficult for transgender athletes to compete while in school, such as requiring athletes to compete under the gender on their birth certificate, or allowing them to participate only after going through sex reassignment

procedures or hormone therapies, according to Transathlete. Both transgender athletes are receiving hormone therapy as treatment for gender dysphoria, and both have hormone levels, “including testosterone levels, circulating in their bodies that are typical for non-transgender girls,” lawyers for Miller and Yearwood said in their filing. “They are recognized as girls by their parents, teachers, teammates, coaches, and community.” The two seniors have combined to win 15 girls state indoor or outdoor championship races since 2017, according to the lawsuit. One of the plaintiffs, Chelsea Mitchell, on Friday won the Class S 55-meter state indoor title by edging Terry Miller. She said it was her first win in a head-to-head race.

Wabash County students on Manchester fall Dean’s List

A total of 389 students qualified in the first semester

By ANNE GREGORY

A total of 389 students engaged in study at Manchester University are on the fall 2019 Dean’s List. Students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no more than three hours of pass or not pass grades are included on the Dean’s List. Students from your Wabash County on the list included: North Manchester: Ava Barefoot, history and Spanish; Tasha

Brubaker, environmental studies; Karly Eichenauer, biology-chemistry; Lucas Helton, marketing; Chloe Leckrone, peace studies; Emily Lynn, music and French; Benjamin Nesler, elementary education; Gage Sheppard, accounting; Elijah Smith, history; Hallie Sorg, biology-chemistry; Alyssa Spann, elementary education: mild interventions; and Austin Wieland, elementary education. **Wabash:** Madeline Dazey, social work; Jasper Donaldson, business management; Kaitlynn Still, marketing; and Marcus Zwiebel, English. *Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

MIT to caption online videos after discrimination lawsuit

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has agreed to provide captions for more of its publicly available online videos as part of a settlement announced Tuesday in a case that accused the school of discriminating against people who are deaf or hard of hearing. The settlement comes months after a similar deal was reached in a lawsuit brought against Harvard University by the National Association of the Deaf, which said the schools were discriminating against people with hearing disabilities by not adequately or accurately captioning videos of lectures and other programs it posts online. “Why would you not make your content accessible to everyone?” said Howard Rosenblum, CEO of the association. “We want to make sure that moving forward all the universities and colleges make themselves aware.” The lawsuits brought against MIT and Harvard in 2015 said people who were deaf or hard of hearing couldn’t benefit from the schools’ wealth of online educational resources because they had inaccurate

captions or none at all. Harvard and MIT both tried to dismiss the cases, arguing that the law doesn’t require them to provide captioning for all their online content. But a judge ruled last year that content produced by and posted by the universities was subject to federal civil rights law. Under the settlement, MIT has agreed to provide captions for any audio or video content it creates and posts on its website, as well as the school’s pages on outlets like YouTube and SoundCloud. It must also provide live captions for certain events that are streamed online, according to the settlement. Anything posted before Jan. 1, 2019, must be captioned or removed from public view only if someone requests it, according to the consent decree. The agreement must be approved by a judge before it goes into effect. A spokeswoman for MIT didn’t immediately return messages seeking comment Tuesday. The consent decree says MIT “has and continues to deny that it violated any laws related to persons with disabilities or otherwise through posting or making available any online content.”



Eagles fall to Legacy Christian

The Emmanuel Christian basketball team fell to Legacy Christian on Friday, 55-47. JC Frank led the way with 14 points and Preston Ritzema had 11 points.

3 UConn football players face charges in burglary

VERNON, Conn. (AP) — Three members of UConn's 2019 football team face charges stemming from a November burglary on campus.

Running back Khyon Gillespie and defensive backs Oneil Robinson and Ryan Carroll are accused of stealing about \$5,000 worth of items, including a television, video game systems and clothes from a dorm on Nov. 23, according to arrest warrant affidavits.

The three sophomores face charges including burglary, larceny and making false statements. They did not immediately return email messages Tuesday seeking comment.

Gillespie and Robinson turned themselves in to police last week. Carroll was charged Tuesday.

Robinson and Carroll previously announced their intentions to transfer from UConn and are no longer members of the team. Gillespie has been suspended indefinitely from the program, the school said.

“We have been in communication with the appropriate parties and will continue to cooperate with the authorities throughout this process,” spokesman Patrick McKenna said in a statement Tuesday.

Georgia, Clemson announce 2021 opening game

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Georgia and Clemson will open the 2021 season by playing on a neutral site at the home of the NFL's Carolina Panthers.

The game at Bank of America Stadium, scheduled for Sept. 4, 2021, was announced on Tuesday by the schools and the Charlotte Sports Foundation.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart says the game in Charlotte will give Bulldogs fans “the opportunity for a completely new experience in a great city and top-level stadium.”

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Southwood's Carson Rich shoots a jumper during the first half of the Knights' game against Maconaquah last week.

Norse, Knights highlight week's action on court

By JACOB RUDE

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Entering the final weeks of the regular season, boys' basketball action in the area has begun to wind down, though the importance of the games has certainly picked up.

Northfield (5-13) vs. Southwood (7-11), Feb. 21, 7:45 p.m.

Much has changed for the two sides since their meeting in the consolation match of the Wabash County Tournament in late December. In that meeting, Southwood exploded for 90 points in a 57-point win, led by Carson Rich's 36 points.

Since that win, Southwood has had both up and down stretches of plays. After falling to 3-7, Southwood pulled off three straight wins over Oak Hill, Whitko and Tippecanoe Valley. But since those wins, the Knights have dropped four of the last five games with all the losses being by dou-

ble digits.

Northfield, who fell to 1-6 on the season with that loss to Southwood, has had a stronger second half of the season, going 4-7 over the last 11 games.

The Knights have won the last nine meetings against Northfield and 14 of the last 15 overall. Still, though, the Norse lead the series all-time 72-69.

Both sides have games on Tuesday, the Knights traveling to Adams Central and the Norse to Maconaquah. Results from both games were unavailable as of Plain Dealer deadline.

Manchester (9-9) vs. Maconaquah (6-11), Dec. 21, 7:45 p.m.

The Squires have similarly struggled to find consistency this season. After starting the season 3-6, Manchester has won six of its last nine. While the Squires are also just 4-3 in TRC play this year, they have won the last three of the last four conference

games against Rochester, Tippecanoe Valley and Northfield with a loss to Peru mixed in.

Friday's game begins a three-game homestand to end the regular season for Manchester before hosing the sectional as the Squires wouldn't leave their home court until a potential regional game.

Maconaquah, meanwhile, has lost three of its last games but all three wins have come in TRC play. The Braves are 4-2 in the TRC.

Manchester is 6-5 against Maconaquah all-time. The last meeting saw the Braves earn a three-point win. Manchester's last win in the series came in 2015 with Maconaquah winning the last four meetings.

Wabash (14-3) at Whitko, Feb. 21, 7:45 p.m.

The Wabash boys' basketball team looks to take another step toward reclaiming the conference title for a

second year running as they travel to Whitko on Friday. A win would clinch Wabash a share of the Three Rivers Conference (TRC) title.

Currently, the Apaches hold a one-game lead atop the conference standings at 7-0. Peru is 6-1 and in second place while Whitko and Maconaquah each have two losses.

Whitko holds the lead in the series, winning 18 of the last 24 meetings. Wabash, though, has won the last two games against Whitko.

After starting 1-2 on the year, Wabash has won 13 of the last 14 games with the lone loss coming to Mississinewa. Since that loss, the Apaches have won six straight heading into Tuesday's game at home against Eastbrook.

Whitko has seven wins on the year but has alternated wins and losses through much of the year. The team has one three-game losing streak and two two-game winning streaks while alternating wins and losses the rest of the way.

New 3-point line leading to lower shooting percentages

By JOHN MARSHALL

AP Basketball Writer

The NCAA moved back the 3-point line this season to create more room in the lane and cut down on the barrage of 3s in college basketball.

Shooting percentages are down, historically low. Attempts also have dropped, slightly.

Clogged lanes? Depends on who you ask.

“I don't think it's changed a lot,” Kansas guard Marcus Garrett said. “I just feel like a lot more shots are being missed.”

He's right.

With teams heavily relying on 3-pointers more and percentages steadily rising, the NCAA moved the arc back nearly two feet to 22 feet, 1¾ inches this season. That matches the international distance, but short of the NBA arc at 23 feet, nine inches.

The goal was to make the lane more available for drives, cut down on the prevalence of 3-pointers and create more offensive spacing.

The result, at least from the arc, is teams are missing at an historic rate.

Division I teams are shooting 33.3 percent so far this season, lowest since the 3-point line was added to college basketball in 1986-87, according to KenPom.

Maryland Eastern Shore, annually one of the nation's worst 3-point shooting teams, is last in Division I at 24.9 percent. Kennessaw State is right behind the Hawks at 25.1 percent.

Northern Alabama shot 29.8 percent last season, worst in the nation. This year, 25 teams are shooting at least that low.

Reigning national champion Virginia, which lost its top three scorers to the NBA, is 331st nationally at 29.2 percent from the arc, down from 39.5 percent last year.

The last time the NCAA moved the 3-point line back — a foot to 20 feet, 9 inches in 2009-10 — shooting percentages dipped the first few years before rising again.

“If it goes by what normally happens, it'll go down a little bit,” Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said. “But it always comes back.”

What it hasn't done is affect the elite shooters.

With players like Golden State's Steph Curry and Klay Thompson routinely shooting from well beyond the NBA 3-point line, college players started extending

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Hamlin and Newman contrast risk and reward at Daytona 500

By JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In a single thrilling lap around NASCAR's most storied track, Denny Hamlin and Ryan Newman displayed the risks and rewards of the dangerous sport they both love.

Hamlin won his second consecutive Daytona 500 and third in five years on Monday night as he surged past Newman on the final lap of a second overtime shootout. The win came as Newman's car was turned hard into the wall, then flipped onto its roof, where he was helpless as he was hit in the driver's side by another car.

His car continued to skid upside down along the speedway and it crossed the finish line in flames as safety crews hurried to snuff out

the fire and pry Newman loose. It took several minutes for his car to be rolled back onto its wheels, and medical personnel used solid black barriers to block the view as the 2008 Daytona 500 winner was placed in a waiting ambulance and taken to a hospital.

All the while, a sense of dread settled over Daytona and its showcase race, already pushed back a day by rain that dampened a raucous visit by President Donald Trump. There has not been a fatality in NASCAR's elite Cup Series since 2001, but Newman's crash had everyone worried.

The damage to his Mustang was extensive — it appeared the entire roll cage designed to protect his head had caved — and officials would not allow his team near the accident site. Two agonizing

hours after the crash, NASCAR read a statement from Roush Fenway Racing that said Newman was in “serious condition, but doctors have indicated his injuries are not life threatening.”

Hamlin, meanwhile, was trying to find the delicate balance of celebrating a milestone victory while showing proper respect to an injured driver. Initially unaware of Newman's situation, Hamlin did victory burnouts and celebrated with his team.

Not until Fox Sports said it would not interview him did Hamlin learn the severity of the situation. Team owner Joe Gibbs was apologetic for the No. 11 team's initial reaction.

“I was focusing on our car, and everybody started celebrating around us,” Gibbs said. “So I say to everybody out there, some people may

have saw us and said, ‘Well, these guys are celebrating when there's a serious issue going on.’ I apologize to everybody, but we really didn't know.”

The crash was a stark reminder of both the dangers of auto racing and the improvements NASCAR has made since 2001, when Dale Earnhardt was killed on the final lap of the Daytona 500. Earnhardt was the last Cup driver killed in a race and NASCAR has made massive safety improvements in the nearly 20 years since.

“I think we take for granted sometimes how safe the cars are,” Hamlin said. “But number one, we are praying for Ryan.”

During the long wait for an update, Trump took to Twitter to express his concern. A day earlier, he attended the race as the grand mar-

shal, gave the command for drivers to start their engines and made a ceremonial pace lap around Daytona International Speedway before rain washed out the race.

“Praying for Ryan Newman, a great and brave @NASCAR driver! #PrayingForRyan,” Trump tweeted. Newman was one of several NASCAR drivers who attended a 2016 rally for then-candidate Trump in Georgia.

Mark Rushbrook, global director of Ford Performance Motorsports, acknowledged the delay for information on Newman.

“To hear some positive news tonight is a relief,” Rushbrook said. “He is so respected for being a great competitor by everyone in the sport.”

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SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Boston	38	16	.704	1½
Philadelphia	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	11½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	33	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

Sunday's Game	
2020 All-Star Game	
Team LeBron 157, Team Giannis 155	
Monday's Games	
No games scheduled	
Tuesday's Games	
No games scheduled	
Today's Games	
No games scheduled	
Thursday's Games	
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.	
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.	
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.	
Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.	
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.	
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.	

NBA All-Star Game MVPs	
2020	— Kawhi Leonard, LA Clippers
2019	— Kevin Durant, Golden State
2018	— LeBron James, Cleveland
2017	— Anthony Davis, New Orleans
2016	— Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City
2015	— Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City
2014	— Kyrie Irving, Cleveland
2013	— Chris Paul, LA Clippers
2012	— Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City
2011	— Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2010	— Dwyane Wade, Miami
2009	— Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers, and Shaquille O'Neal, Phoenix
2008	— LeBron James, Cleveland
2007	— Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2006	— LeBron James, Cleveland
2005	— Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
2004	— Shaquille O'Neal, LA Lakers
2003	— Kevin Garnett, Minnesota
2002	— Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2001	— Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
2000	— Tim Duncan, San Antonio, and Shaquille O'Neal, LA Lakers
1999	— No game
1998	— Michael Jordan, Chicago
1997	— Glen Rice, Charlotte
1996	— Michael Jordan, Chicago
1995	— Mitch Richmond, Sacramento
1994	— Scottie Pippen, Chicago
1993	— Karl Malone, John Stockton, Utah
1992	— Magic Johnson, LA Lakers
1991	— Charles Barkley, Philadelphia
1990	— Magic Johnson, LA Lakers
1989	— Karl Malone, Utah
1988	— Michael Jordan, Chicago
1987	— Tom Chambers, Seattle
1986	— Isiah Thomas, Detroit
1985	— Ralph Sampson, Houston
1984	— Isiah Thomas, Detroit
1983	— Julius Erving, Philadelphia
1982	— Larry Bird, Boston
1981	— Tiny Archibald, Boston
1980	— George Gervin, San Antonio
1979	— David Thompson, Denver
1978	— Randy Smith, Buffalo
1977	— Julius Erving, Philadelphia
1976	— Dave Bing, Detroit
1975	— Walt Frazier, New York
1974	— Bob Lanier, Detroit
1973	— Dave Cowens, Boston
1972	— Jerry West, Los Angeles
1971	— Lenny Wilkens, Seattle
1970	— Willis Reed, New York
1969	— Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1968	— Hal Greer, Philadelphia
1967	— Rick Barry, San Francisco
1966	— Adrian Smith, Cincinnati
1965	— Jerry Lucas, Cincinnati
1964	— Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1963	— Bill Russell, Boston
1962	— Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1961	— Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1960	— Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia
1959	— Elgin Baylor, Minneapolis, and Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1958	— Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1957	— Bob Cousy, Boston
1956	— Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1955	— Bill Sharman, Boston
1954	— Bob Cousy, Boston
1953	— George Mikan, Minneapolis
1952	— Paul Arizin, Philadelphia
1951	— Ed Macauley, Boston

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Standings through Monday

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Duke	12	2	.857	22	3	.880
Louisville	12	3	.800	21	5	.808
Florida St.	11	3	.786	21	4	.840
Virginia	9	5	.643	17	7	.708
NC State	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Syracuse	7	7	.500	14	11	.560
Notre Dame	7	8	.467	16	10	.615
Clemson	7	8	.467	13	12	.520
Boston College	7	8	.467	13	13	.500
Virginia Tech	6	8	.429	15	10	.600
Georgia Tech	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Pittsburgh	6	9	.400	15	11	.577
Miami	5	10	.333	13	12	.520
Wake Forest	4	11	.267	11	14	.440
North Carolina	3	12	.200	10	16	.385

Monday's Game	
Notre Dame 77, North Carolina 76	
Tuesday's Game	
Pittsburgh at Florida St.	
Today's Games	
Syracuse at Louisville, 7 p.m.	
Georgia Tech at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.	
Boston College at Virginia, 8 p.m.	
Duke at NC State, 9 p.m.	
Miami at Virginia Tech, 9 p.m.	

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	10	3	.769	18	7	.720
Creighton	9	4	.692	20	6	.769
Villanova	8	4	.667	19	6	.760
Marquette	7	5	.583	17	7	.708
Butler	7	6	.538	19	7	.731
Providence	7	6	.538	14	12	.538
Xavier	6	7	.461	17	9	.654
Georgetown	5	7	.417	15	10	.600
St. John's	3	10	.300	14	12	.538
DePaul	1	11	.083	13	12	.520

Sunday's Game	
Villanova 76, Temple 56	
Monday's Game	
Xavier 77, St. John's 74	
Tuesday's Game	
Creighton at Marquette	
Today's Games	
Butler at Seton Hall, 6:30 p.m.	
Providence at Georgetown, 8:30 p.m.	
Villanova at DePaul, 9 p.m.	

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	11	3	.786	21	4	.840
Penn St.	10	4	.714	20	5	.800
Iowa	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Rutgers	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Michigan St.	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Illinois	8	6	.571	16	9	.640
Wisconsin	8	6	.571	15	10	.600
Ohio St.	7	7	.500	17	8	.680
Michigan	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Purdue	7	8	.467	14	12	.538
Indiana	6	8	.429	16	9	.640
Minnesota	6	8	.429	12	12	.500

ON THE AIR

BIATHLON	
2 a.m. (Thursday)	
NBCSN — IBU World Championships: Men's 20km, Antholz-Anterselva, Italy (taped)	
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
3 p.m.	
ACCN — Wright State at Louisville	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)	
6:30 p.m.	
FS1 — Butler at Seton Hall	
7 p.m.	
BTN — Michigan at Rutgers	
CBSSN — East Carolina at Memphis	
ESPN — Syracuse at Louisville	
ESPN2 — Auburn at Georgia	
ESPNU — Central Florida at Cincinnati	
SECN — Texas A&M at Alabama	
8 p.m.	
ACCN — Boston College at Virginia	
8:30 p.m.	
FS1 — Providence at Georgetown	
9 p.m.	
BTN — Indiana at Minnesota	
CBSSN — Villanova at DePaul	
ESPN — Duke at North Carolina	
State	
ESPN2 — Kansas State at Texas	
Tech	
ESPNU — Tulsa at Houston	
SECN — South Carolina at Mississippi State	
10 p.m.	
PAC-12N — California at Washington State	

Nebraska	2	12	.143	7	18	.280
Northwestern	1	13	.071	6	18	.250

Sunday's Games	
Michigan 89, Indiana 65	
Iowa 58, Minnesota 55	
Tuesday's Games	
Illinois at Penn St.	
Purdue at Wisconsin	
Northwestern at Maryland	
Today's Games	
Michigan at Rutgers, 7 p.m.	
Indiana at Minnesota, 9 p.m.	

Monday's Men's Result

NOTRE DAME 77, NORTH CAROLINA 76

NORTH CAROLINA (10-16)	
Anthony	7-16 6-6 23, Bacot 1-6 0-0 2, Brooks 11-18 0-2 22, Black 2-6 4-4 9, Keeling 3-8 2-2 9, Robinson 4-8 0-0 11, Pierce 0-3 0-0 0, Platek 0-1 0-0 0, Miller 0-0 0-0 0.
Totals 28-66 12-14 76.	
NOTRE DAME (16-10)	
Durham	3-5 2-5 8, Mooney 6-13 1-2 13, Gibbs 5-11 0-0 14, Hubb 7-17 4-5 20, Pflueger 1-3 0-0 3, Laszewski 3-7 3-5 11, Goodwin 3-7 0-0 8.
Totals 28-63 10-17 77.	
Halftime—Notre Dame 36-33. 3-Point Goals—North Carolina 8-20 (Robinson 3-6, Anthony 3-8, Black 1-2, Keeling 1-2, Pierce 0-1, Platek 0-1), Notre Dame 11-34 (Gibbs 4-8, Goodwin 2-4, Laszewski 2-6, Hubb 2-9, Pflueger 1-3, Mooney 0-4).	
Rebounds—North Carolina 42 (Bacot, Black 10), Notre Dame 29 (Mooney 10). Assists—North Carolina 18 (Anthony 6), Notre Dame 15 (Hubb 8).	
Total Fouls—North Carolina 17, Notre Dame 15. A—8,150 (9,149).	

NASCAR

Daytona 500	
Monday	
At Daytona International Speedway	
Daytona Beach, Fla.	
1. (21) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 209.	
2. (27) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 209.	
3. (19) Chris Buescher, Ford, 209.	
4. (30) David Ragan, Ford, 209.	
5. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 209.	
6. (29) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 209.	
7. (39) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 209.	
8. (36) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 209.	
9. (7) Ryan Newman, Ford, 209.	
10. (8) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 209.	
11. (23) John Hunter Nemechek, Ford, 209.	
12. (13) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 209.	
13. (33) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 209.	
14. (26) Michael McDowell, Ford, 209.	
15. (11) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 209.	
16. (34) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 209.	
17. (25) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 209.	
18. (14) Erik Jones, Toyota, 208.	
19. (16) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 207.	
20. (1) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 206.	
21. (17) Christopher Bell, Toyota, Accident, 205.	
22. (5) Aric Almirola, Ford, 205.	
23. (37) Joey Gas, Chevrolet, 203.	
24. (2) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 203.	
25. (20) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, Accident, 201.	
26. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, Accident, 200.	
27. (32) Timmy Hill, Ford, Accident, 200.	
28. (22) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, Accident, 199.	
29. (31) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, Accident, 198.	
30. (24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 198.	
31. (40) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, Accident, 192.	
32. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Accident, 186.	
33. (18) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, Accident, 184.	
34. (28) Kyle Busch, Toyota, Engine, 184.	
35. (6) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, Accident, 184.	
36. (9) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Accident, 183.	
37. (12) Cole Custer, Ford, Rear End, 174.	
38. (38) BJ McLeod, Ford, Accident, 105.	
39. (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, Accident, 89.	
40. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, Accident, 58.	
Average Speed of Race Winner: 141.11 mph.	
Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 42 Mins, 10 Secs.	
Margin of Victory: .014 Seconds.	
Caution Flags: 9 for 39 laps.	
Lead Changes: 23 among 13 drivers.	
Lap Leaders: R. Stenhouse Jr. 0:R. Stenhouse Jr. 1-23:M. McDowell 24:B. Keselowski 25-28:A. Almirola 29-30:B. Keselowski 31-38:R. Newman 39:A. Almirola 40-43:C. Elliott 44-66:A. Bowman 67:D. Hamlin 68-92:C. LaJoie 93:D. Hamlin 94-135:R. Blaney 136:R. Stenhouse Jr. 137:R. Blaney 138-140:K. Busch 141-148:B. Keselowski 149-163:J. Logano 164-169:J. Johnson 170-172:A. Bowman 173-174:K. Busch 175-180:B. Keselowski 181-183:R. Newman 184-197:D. Hamlin 198-209.	
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Denny Hamlin 3 times for 79 laps; Brad Keselowski 4 times for 30 laps; Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 2 times for 24 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 23 laps; Ryan Newman 2 times for 15 laps; Kyle Busch 2 times for 14 laps; Aric Almirola 2 times for 6 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 6 laps; Ryan Blaney 2 times for 4 laps; Alex Bowman 2 times for 3 laps; Jimmie Johnson 1 time for 3 laps; Corey LaJoie 1 time for 1 lap; Michael McDowell 1 time for 1 lap.	

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Boston	60	37	11	12	86	199
Tampa Bay	60	40	15	5	85	215
Toronto	60	31	21	8	70	191
Florida	59	31	22	6	68	206
Buffalo	59	27	24	8	62	171
Montreal	61	27	26	8	62	184
Ottawa	59	20	28	11	56	200
Detroit	61	14	43	4	32	229
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Washington	59	37	17	5	79	208
Pittsburgh	57	36	15	6	78	191
N.Y. Islanders	58	33	19	6	72	167
Columbus	60	30	18	12	72	155
Philadelphia	59	32	20	7	71	193
Carolina	58	33	21	4	70	189
N.Y. Rangers	58	30	24	4	64	189
New Jersey	58	22	26	10	54	162
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
St. Louis	59	32	17	10	74	187
Dallas	59	34	19	6	74	161
Colorado	58	33	18	7	73	206
Nashville	58	29	22	7	65	189
Winnipeg	60	30	25	5	65	179
Minnesota	58	27	24	7	61	176
Chicago	59	26	25	8	60	176
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Edmonton	59	32	21	6	70	190
Vegas	61	31	22	8	70	192
Vancouver	59	32	22	5	69	191

Saints’ Brees announces intention to return for 2020 season

By **BRETT MARTEL**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Quarterback Drew Brees’ record-setting NFL career is on track for a 20th season – and a 15th with the New Orleans Saints.

The 41-year-old Brees announced his intention to return for what would be his 20th NFL season in a social media post on Tuesday.

“My feelings about the 2020 season! I look forward to the grind and the journey, for the reward at the end will be worth it,” Brees wrote in his announcement. “Love you #WhoDatNation. Let’s make another run at it!”

Brees missed five games with a throwing hand in-

jury that required surgery but was still productive last season while leading New Orleans to a third straight playoff appearance. Brees’ 74.3 percent completion rate ranked second in NFL history behind only his 2018 record of 74.4 percent.

He also passed for 27 touchdowns while throwing just four interceptions and was selected to a fourth straight Pro Bowl, the 13th of his career.

His decision to return will set in motion negotiations on a new contract. His last contract voids automatically at the end of the current league year that concludes March 18.

A person familiar with the situation says new contract

negotiations have yet to begin and there is no immediate timetable for reaching a deal. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither Brees nor the Saints have publicly discussed the matter.

Saints coach Sean Payton and general manager Mickey Loomis both have stated an interest in bringing Brees back if the quarterback, who turned 41 on Jan. 15, still wanted to play.

If recent history is a guide, negotiations should not be problematic. Twice since 2016, Brees has accepted two-year deals that, while still generous, were geared more toward providing the Saints a measure of salary

cap flexibility than pushing the limits of the NFL QB market. Last season, Brees contract was worth nearly \$23 million.

Brees is the NFL’s all-time leader in completions with 6,867, yards passing with 77,416, and touchdowns with 547.

His career touchdowns mark is most vulnerable, just six ahead of 20-year Patriots veteran Tom Brady. Although Brady’s contract also is expiring, he has stated his intention to also keep playing, be it in New England or elsewhere.

With 74,571 career yards passing, Brady also would have been in realistic one-season striking distance of Brees’ yardage

mark if Brees decided to retire.

Meanwhile, Brees’ decision is likely to have implications for the younger quarterbacks on the Saints’ roster. Backup Teddy Bridgewater, who has resurrected his career in New Orleans, could find opportunities to be a starter elsewhere.

Bridgewater was a first-round draft pick by Minnesota in 2014, but missed most of three seasons from 2015-17 with a career-threatening knee injury before spending the past two seasons as a backup with New Orleans. He didn’t always put up prolific passing numbers during Brees’ absence in 2019, but

went 5-0 as a starter while completing 67.9 percent of his passes for 1,384 yards, nine TDs and two interceptions.

Saints’ third-string QB Taysom Hill also played a regular role, though not always in conventional ways. In addition to periodically subbing in for Brees as a read-option QB, he also has contributed in the receiving and running game and on special teams.

Hill has stated that he also would like an opportunity to become a starter. But his unproven record as an every-down QB could weaken the market for him as a restricted free agent and make returning to the Saints his best option.

Surprise! Raptors, Heat, Grizzlies and Thunder all in good position

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

The oddsmakers in Las Vegas usually know what they’re talking about.

But even they get things wrong from time to time, and this season in the NBA there have been a few notable misses from all those preseason prognostications – specifically, ones made in relation to the Memphis Grizzlies and Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Grizzlies have already topped most preseason projections for their win total. The sports books had them around 27 wins, and the Ja Morant-led club already has 28 wins and is holding down the Western Conference’s No. 8 playoff spot with 28 games left.

“We are just young, very athletic and just get out and run,” said Morant, a clear Rookie of the Year front-runner and probably the favorite at this point. “I feel like we all have something to prove. We just go out with this chip on our shoulder. We keep proving people wrong. But we go out every night and play together.”

And the Thunder, who were expected to freefall after losing Paul George, were slotted by most books as a 32-win team or so. They’re at 33-22, firmly in the West playoff race, led by a resurgent All-Star in Chris Paul.

It’s clear that many thought the Thunder – the supposedly rebuilding Thunder – wouldn’t be a postseason team. Then again, many of those same people probably thought Paul wasn’t still capable of leading the way he has this season.

“For me, it’s always about the journey,” Paul said. “It’s about working hard, and it’s the analytics and the statistics that say at this age you can do this or you can do that. ... I think it’s more about competing with yourself and not worry about what everybody else saying.”

Indeed, there have been a couple other very notable surprises in Miami and Toronto.

The Heat didn’t make the playoffs last year, lost Dwyane Wade to retirement and brought in Jimmy Butler to lead a largely very young, very unproven core this season. And it has

worked: The Heat are in the mix for home-court in the first round, and are thinking even bigger than that.

“It started in the summer,” said first-time All-Star Bam Adebayo, this year’s NBA Skills Competition winner. “It’s building habits. Jimmy is one of those guys. He wants to hold people to a higher standard. Our organization wants to hold people to a higher standard. So it just made it all synch together. Everybody doesn’t take anything personal when somebody gets on them. It’s all love at the end of the day.”

And then there’s the Raptors. They lost NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard, the MVP of this year’s All-Star Game. They lost Danny Green. They’ve been walloped this year by injuries. Despite it all, they’re No. 2 in the East right now and aren’t just on pace to win more regular-season games than they did in their championship season a year ago – they’re on pace to set a franchise record.

“The journey is the best part about it,” Raptors All-Star guard Kyle Lowry said. “You’ve got to enjoy and have fun with the journey every single day. ... The thing that matters to me is that we’re continuing to be a better team every single night.”

ALL-STAR REDUX

It’s worth taking one more look inside some numbers of that wild fourth quarter of Sunday’s All-Star Game, and how the intensity got seriously ramped up with the new target-score, untimed-play format for the last period in Chicago.

To begin, the game wasn’t shorter with the clock being turned off and the teams playing for a score of 157 – it was longer. An Associated Press analysis of the fourth quarter shows the teams were on the floor for about 14:11, more than the customary 12 minutes.

A few other nuggets:

Dunks: There were 50 by the AP count in the first three quarters, including four in a span of 33 seconds. In the fourth quarter, only three dunks.

Fouls: The teams combined for 14 fouls in the first three quarters, then

committed 21 in the fourth.

Free throws: The teams were 5 for 13 in the first three quarters, 18 for 26 in the fourth.

Shooting: Team LeBron was shooting 52 percent after three quarters, then dipped to 42 percent in the fourth. But Team Giannis went from sailing to sputtering – 59 percent in the first three quarters, 26 percent the rest of the way.

KYRIE’S NEW JOB

Brooklyn guard Kyrie Irving has a new job: He’s now a vice president of the National Basketball Players Association.

The NBPA had its winter meeting in the Bahamas on Monday. Irving is replacing Pau Gasol, whose three-year term expired.

“At this point in my career, I wanted to join forces with those guys and take a bigger role outside of the basketball court and within our union,” Irving said. “I want to help move the union forward with innovative ideas, not only on social issues but also with business ventures into a new space.”

Irving joins an executive committee that includes NBPA President Chris Paul, First Vice President Andre Igoudala, Vice Presidents Bismack Biyombo, Malcolm Brogdon, Jaylen Brown, CJ McCollum and Garrett Temple, and Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Tolliver.

THE WEEK AHEAD

A short week, but here’s games to watch starting Thursday when the season resumes:

Thursday, Brooklyn at Philadelphia: Let the jostling for Eastern Conference positioning begin.

Friday, New Orleans at Portland: A pair of teams looking to get hot and sneak in down the stretch.

Saturday, Cleveland at Miami: The Heat will send Dwyane Wade’s No. 3 jersey to the rafters.

Sunday, Boston at L.A. Lakers: Celtics vs. Lakers, especially when both are good, is always must-watch.

Monday, Memphis at L.A. Clippers: Grizzlies are No. 8 out West, but their remaining schedule is brutal.

Chris Bosh, 11-time NBA All-Star, expresses disappointment over Hall of Fame snub

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

Chris Bosh is not hiding his frustration about not being a finalist for this year’s enshrinement class for the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The former Miami and Toronto forward released a video statement on social media Tuesday, using some version of the word disappoint – be it “disappointed,” “disappointment” or “disappointing” – no fewer than 15 times in 5 minutes.

Bosh was a surprising omission last week from the class of eight finalists announced by the Hall as still being under consideration for enshrinement this year, a list that included contemporary players Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. The class of inductees will be revealed in Atlanta on April 4 at the men’s college basketball Final Four, and the Basketball Hall of Fame ceremony is in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Aug. 29.

“I’m going to be honest with you,” Bosh said. “I’m a competitive man. I’ve been competing my whole life. A lot of people don’t really know that about me, but I’m a fierce competitor. Losing bothers me. Coming up short bothers me. It always has, you know, since the moment I started playing basketball and it kind of bleeds over into everything that I do. So I’ll just

get ahead of it. And so you hear this from me, I’m disappointed.”

Bosh is one of 13 players in NBA history to average 19.2 points and 8.5 rebounds in a career that included at least 11 All-Star selections.

The other 12 – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Wilt Chamberlain, Karl Malone, Shaquille O’Neal, Charles Barkley, Moses Malone, Hakeem Olajuwon, Larry Bird, Bob Pettit, Patrick Ewing, Elvin Hayes and Elgin Baylor – are all in the Hall of Fame.

Bosh is also the only Hall-eligible player with 17,189 points, 7,592 rebounds, 1,795 assists, 11 All-Star selections and two championships who is not already in, or a finalist this year for, the Hall of Fame. There are other players with those numbers, such as LeBron James and Dirk Nowitzki, who are not yet eligible because they’re still playing or retired too recently.

“One of the things people like to say is, ‘Oh, next year,’” Bosh said. “What if there’s not a next year? That’s something that I think about every day. And I hope you think about it as well, but what if there’s not a tomorrow? What does that even mean? That is a definite question that’s been on my mind quite a bit, but I just have to be honest with you guys. I’m very disappointed.”

Bosh, who turns 36 next month, said he wishes he was still playing and

believes he would still be in the NBA if not for the health issues that abruptly ended his career in 2016. Bosh had at least two bouts with blood clots.

He was an All-Star for Miami in his final season, 2015-16. He was averaging 19.1 points and 7.4 rebounds that season and had just arrived in Toronto for that year’s All-Star Game when a clot in one of his legs was discovered.

He never played again. Bosh eventually came to grips with that reality, saw his jersey be retired by the Heat – the team with whom he won two championships, a stint perhaps most notably remembered by his rebound and assist that set up Ray Allen’s season-saving, game-tying 3-pointer with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6 of the 2013 NBA Finals against San Antonio. Bosh also blocked a 3-point try by Danny Green at the end of overtime to seal Miami’s three-point win, and the Heat would go on to win Game 7 for their second straight title.

“I’ve been disappointed with my career coming up short,” Bosh said. “I feel that I should still be playing basketball right now, but that’s neither here nor there. That was in my goals. That was in my plans and it just did not work out like that. I don’t want to be in this position. Now I’m here dealing with that. Had other plans, started making plans on the potentiality of going in with such a great class.”

Mickey Wright leaves a legacy of big wins, beautiful swing

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

The swing was so fundamentally sound that it got the attention of anyone who knew and cared about golf, even those considered to be among the greatest to ever play.

The appeal was so strong that it carried an entire tour, even as the attention became suffocating. The rate of winning was unprecedented. No one had ever held all four major championships at the same time.

That was the essence of Mickey Wright.

Unlike the modern version – Tiger Woods – Wright was consumed more with seeking perfection in the golf swing than utter domination, although one led to the other.

“I was always practicing, and re-practicing, the same thing, over and over and over,” Wright said in a 2011 interview with The Associated Press. “You never get it. You just borrow it for a day or two. The feel of contact with a golf ball is unlike anything I ever experienced. And I loved it.”

Wright died on Monday of a heart attack at age 85, leaving behind a legacy that is measured as much by aesthetic beauty of her swing as her 82 victories and 13 majors during a comet-like career on the LPGA Tour.

She retired from full-time competition in 1969 when she was 34.

No telling how many times she could have won.

Wright won the LPGA Championship and the U.S. Women’s Open in 1959. That began a seven-year stretch in which she won 59 times and 12 majors. She won at least 10 times a year for four successive years, and she still holds the LPGA Tour record for 13 wins in a single season.

Ben Hogan agreed to a rare interview in 1984 with the late Rhonda Glenn, who said she was setting up two tape recorders when she mentioned that Mickey Wright passed along her regards. Glenn said Hogan leaned back in his chair with a big smile, looked into the distance and said, “Mickey Wright ... greatest swing I ever saw. Boy, what a swing!”

Byron Nelson also said her swing was good as there ever was, and that came to define Wright.

“She was the best I’ve ever seen, man or woman,” Kathy Whitworth told ESPN in 2015. “I’ve had the privilege of playing with Sam Snead and Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer and all of them. And some of our ladies had wonderful swings. But nobody hit it like Mickey, just nobody.”

Judy Rankin recalls a different impact. She joined the LPGA Tour as a teenager when Wright was at the peak of her powers.

“In her time, because of her enormous skill, she got the LPGA a lot of kudos from men in the game,” Rankin said Monday night from her home in Texas. “That’s happening a lot more today. In that time, it didn’t happen

at all. In Mickey, I think the men saw something else. That was really good for us.”

But only for so long.

Wright held such appeal that sponsors threatened to cancel tournaments if she didn’t play. And Wright realized if the tournaments went away, the other players had nowhere else to go. So she played.

Wright averaged 30 tournaments a year between 1962 and 1964. She drove from one stop to the next, and when she arrived at her hotel for the night, she would hit putts into a glass in her room to get feel back into the hands that had been wrapped around a steering wheel all day.

Back then, women did more than just show up and play. They promoted. Sometimes they had to help set up the course. Wright served as LPGA president in 1963 and 1964, two of her best years.

“The local people ran the tournaments, and the men at the club didn’t want us breaking records,” Wright said in 2011. “We started on the men’s tee, and they moved us back 10 yards every day. At that time, we were playing 6,400 yards.”

Did she stop too soon?

“I can go back and second-guess that one,” Wright once told the AP. “I should have played longer. AT the time, I had physical problems and had to play in tennis shoes. And then there was the pressure and the stress of having to win, of having won so much, of the press being disappointed if I didn’t win, having to be at tournaments.”

“I finally had enough,” she said. “And I had accomplished what I had set out to do.”

For all her greatness, and her amazing collection of trophies, Rankin recalls a superstar who went out of her way to help.

“She had a presence you looked up to even more. She was a lovely woman,” Rankin added. “She was opinionated and smart, and she never said a bad word about anybody.”

Wright had a close circle of friends and lived a simple life without fanfare in retirement. The USGA made her the first woman to have her own permanent display in its museum – The Mickey Wright Room – alongside Hogan, Bobby Jones and Arnold Palmer. She donated some 200 mementos from over 400 years, including her synthetic mat.

For years, she would hit golf balls off that mat from her patio onto the 14th fairway of the golf course where she lived, and then she would pick them up.

Not long after she sent her mat off to the USGA, friends heard what she had done and sent her a new one.

“You know how it works,” Wright told Golf Digest in 2017. “Put out a mat, some balls and a club in front of a golfer, and the temptation to use them is going to be too much. So I keep my hand in, five or six balls at a time. Just enough to remain a ‘golfer.’”

That was her passion. She was as close to perfect as golf allows.

Man hopes to move affair with his co-worker forward

DEAR ABBY: I have been communicating with this woman that I work with. She is currently seeing a guy she's been with for about four years. We have a clear connection and primal attraction, and have both discussed our feelings with each other. We communicate by texting. There is no communication through phone calls, for obvious reasons. Her man works for the same company but in a different building than we do. It's clear to me that he isn't good enough for her and doesn't know how to elevate himself to her level.

I let her know that if they were to break up, I would want to give it a try, and she said the same. She contacts me when she wants and flirts, but it's always at her convenience and not mine. We have "known" each other for about a year and a half now, and she claims she cares for me. My question to you is, how should I move this situation forward? — Three's A Crowd In New York

DEAR CROWD: Try to control your libido and allow me to offer a flash of insight. This woman likes things just the way they are. You may not think her boyfriend is good enough for her and can't "elevate himself to her level," but the woman you have placed on this pedestal is someone who enjoys sneaking behind the back of someone she's been involved with for four years and discusses an exit strategy with a co-worker. Open your eyes. She's not seriously interested in you. She's enjoying a flirtation on her own terms, period. What makes you think you are the only one she does this with?

DEAR ABBY: I have been overweight for half of my life. After many diets, exercises, weight loss and eventually gaining it all back, I'm planning to have gastric sleeve surgery within the next two months, or when my surgeon can place me on his schedule.

I have gone through all of the required office visits with my doctor, but haven't yet made a final decision because I'm so nervous about it. I have not mentioned this to my adult children or my parents. My parents are elderly and probably would hate it and worry, so I don't want them to know. As for my children, they probably won't like it either.

The surgery will mean I'll lose 60 to 70 pounds. Should I say something or wait until it becomes obvious? I'm a private person, and I absolutely don't want any negative or snarky remarks from neighbors or my church family.

Am I being ridiculous, selfish or silly? If I don't tell, how will I explain how I lost the weight without spilling my secret? I may tell everyone later on, but not right now. — Got A Secret In The South

DEAR GOT A SECRET: Wanting to be your best and healthiest self isn't ridiculous, selfish or silly. If you need surgical intervention to conquer your weight issues and your doctors agree, there is no reason to be defensive about it. Attempting to hide a 70-pound weight loss would be like trying to smuggle down past a rooster.

As you pointed out, your weight loss will become obvious. When you are asked about it, all you need to say is that now that your weight problem is in the past, you prefer not discussing it, so please don't bring it up again. You may encounter fewer raised eyebrows if, once your doctors allow it, you start doing some walking so you can be seen by others adopting a healthier lifestyle. If you do, people may assume it's the reason you are thinner.

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Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Make smile
- 6 Read intently
- 11 Moneybags (2 wds.)
- 13 In large supply
- 14 Land in Mexico
- 15 Trial
- 16 — Baba
- 17 Give the go-ahead
- 18 "Big Blue" of computer fame
- 20 Digital watch readout
- 22 Part of TGIF
- 25 Collection of tales
- 26 Pierre's monarch
- 27 Insurance center
- 29 Shuttle, maybe
- 30 Large vase
- 31 Evita or Juan
- 32 Car pedal
- 34 Pasture grazer

- 36 Trim a doily
- 37 Cries out loudly
- 38 Chess piece
- 39 Gore and Capone
- 40 Fem. saint
- 41 PC key
- 42 Bride's new title
- 43 Festive night
- 45 Had some hash
- 47 Resort amenities
- 50 Medium-sized sofa
- 54 Volunteers
- 55 Newspaper name
- 56 Stand-in
- 57 Tot's cry

DOWN

- 1 Rear, to
- 2 — tai (rum drink)
- 3 Comanche kin
- 4 Hotfoot it
- 5 NBA's — Monroe
- 6 Trim

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	O	T	R	T	E	S	C	U	E
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Z	A	G	B	U	N	Y	A	N	
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- 7 Former (hyph.)
- 8 Future fish
- 9 Geologic division
- 10 Costa — Sol
- 12 Suit maker
- 13 Fort Knox filler
- 18 Habituates
- 19 Igneous rock
- 21 Movies
- 23 Seafood sauce
- 24 Schools of fish
- 25 Popular advice-giver
- 26 Weeps over
- 27 Not shut
- 28 Busy insects
- 33 Disposable tissue
- 35 Ohio River feeder
- 41 Hardy heroine
- 42 Subway in Paris
- 44 Deviate
- 46 Abound
- 47 Make soaking wet
- 48 Kenya's loc.
- 49 Roswell crasher
- 51 Wool cap
- 52 Shade tree
- 53 Ben & Jerry rival

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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3		5		1		9		2
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			2	6		8		
5		2	4	9		6		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
5	2	4	8	3	7	6	9	1
9	1	3	2	4	6	8	5	7
6	7	8	9	1	5	4	3	2
8	4	1	5	6	3	7	2	9
2	9	6	7	8	1	3	4	5
7	3	5	4	2	9	1	6	8
3	5	7	1	9	4	2	8	6
1	6	2	3	5	8	9	7	4
4	8	9	6	7	2	5	1	3

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TBEAA

CTAHL

NAUNTS

KTHESC

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I hope you like your foam art today!

Oh! You are so good to me.

SHE PICKED UP HER FAVORITE ESPRESSO DRINK AND SAID ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RHYME ROBIN SICKLE FORGET
Answer: Clocks existed prior to Clement's grandfather clock, but they were invented — BEFORE HIS TIME

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

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"Okay, you can turn the page now."

BEETLE BAILEY

THESE OLD THINGS DON'T WORK VERY WELL ANYMORE

MAYBE YOU NEED A NEW COMPUTER

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I WAS TALKING ABOUT MY FINGERS!

GREG ANDRET WALKER

BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, WOULD YOU RATHER WORK ON CONTRACTS OR REPORTS TODAY?

HMM...THAT'S A TOUGH CHOICE, BOSS

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YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, BUMSTEAD. I WAS ONLY MAKING CONVERSATION

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SOME CONVERSATION!

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HI & LOIS

THE KIDS ARE OFF TO SCHOOL. DADDY HAS LEFT FOR WORK.

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IT'S JUST YOU AND ME, TRIxie.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SUNBEAM AND DAWG!

BC

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YOU GOT THIS.

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WIZARD OF ID

KING'S SPEECH WAS TODAY?

YEP. I GUESSED THAT...

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DILBERT

I'D LIKE TO HELP ON THE BLOCKCHAIN PROJECT TO BUILD MY SKILLS IN THAT AREA.

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I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE LEARN NEW THINGS.

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I... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO THAT.

OH, GOOD. IT WORKED.

GARFIELD

I SHALL NOW TRANSLATE WHATEVER ODIE SAYS

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BARK BARK BARK

"CATS ARE SMARTER THAN DOGS"

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FORT KNOX

I LENT YOUR MOM MY TESLA.

WHY WOULD YOU PO THAT??

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BECAUSE SHE NEEDED IT FOR THE PAY.

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH PEARL KNOX?

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TOTALLY AND I CAN TRACK HER EVERY MOVE.

SO WHERE IS SHE NOW?

PICKLES

WHAT'S ALL THAT STUFF IN YOUR OATMEAL, GRAMPA?

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LET'S SEE, THERE'S BROWN SUGAR, CINNAMON, BLUEBERRIES, RAISINS, NUTS, BANANAS...

DO YOU PUT THOSE IN THERE TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR YOUR HEALTH?

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NO, IT'S MOSTLY TO MAKE IT TASTE LESS LIKE OATMEAL.

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The moment we receive Him, we are born again

By BILLY GRAHAM

Q: I am an exchange student from the Middle East and find it confusing to hear about Christians in America compared to Christians in my homeland. I believe in the Church and I believe in God, but a group of friends tell me that isn't enough; is that true? — M.E.



My Answer

A: Many people from around the world claim that they believe in Jesus, the church, and even the Bible. But that isn't enough to be accepted as a follower of Christ; even the demons believe and tremble (James 2:19). We must confess and repent of our sins and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children

of God, to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12).

To illustrate, a person can go to the airport with the intention of making a trip to a certain destination. He makes a flight reservation, purchases the ticket, and gets in line at the gate. There are three calls for boarding, but he fails to enter through the gate and walk the ramp to the plane's cabin. He has not committed himself by getting on board.

A person may believe in God, the Bible, and the church but not surrender to

Christ. This kind of belief does not involve complete commitment and obedience to Him. The moment we receive Him, we are born again and belong wholly to Christ. The Holy Spirit comes on board in our souls and God's nature begins to transform us into His obedient children. We are to pray that His Word will put our hearts and minds on Him, thereby granting peace of mind that comes only from God in Heaven.

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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R N M J D G H U X G B B Y I . T N M V M H D C U P Y
D N X E N K K C N T N M U I Y . . . K C U D T N M
H D U E R S N I . " — V Y E E G S Y I B N O Y F

Previous Solution: "You don't have to run away from life your whole life ... you can change. And you can be an agent of change." — Laura Dern

TODAY'S CLUE: Z stands for F



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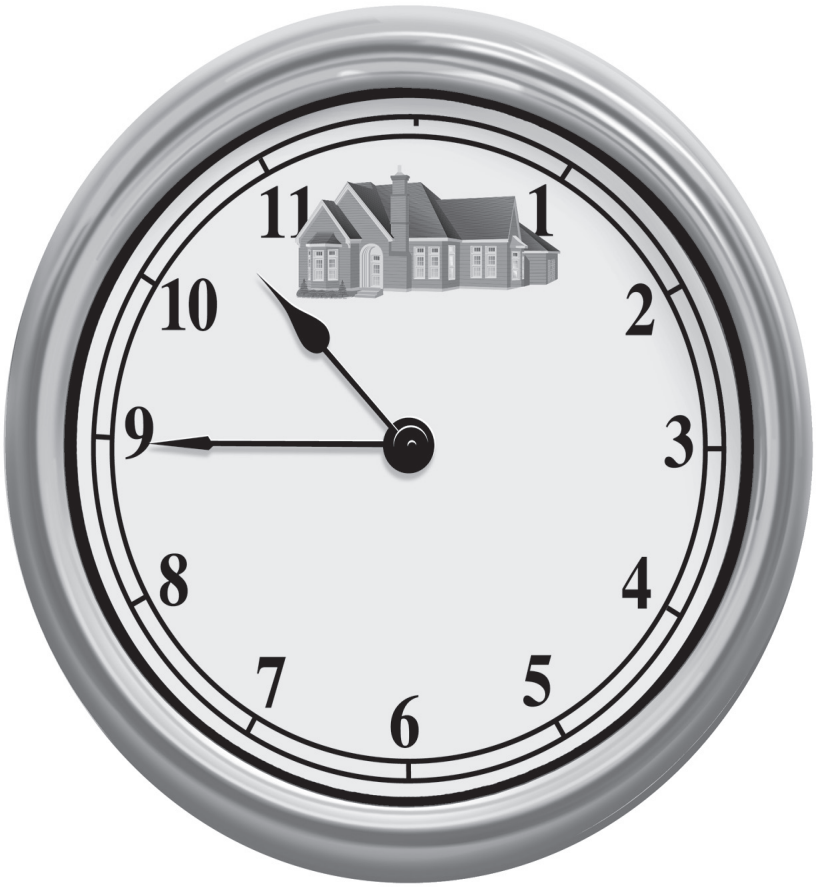
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Legals

Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana Cash & Investments Combined Statement - 2019						
	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan 1, 2019	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec 31, 2019
Governmental Activities	0061	Rainy Day Fund	\$44,145.13	\$0.00	\$7,755.00	\$36,390.13
	0101	Township Fund	\$51,797.68	\$41,638.18	\$23,965.33	\$69,470.53
	0105	Excess Levy	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
	0840	Township Assistance	\$59,648.01	\$0.00	\$3,705.24	\$55,942.77
	1111	Fire Fighting Fund	\$128,745.43	\$65,478.60	\$73,348.57	\$120,875.46
	1190	Cumulative Fire Fund	\$204,244.08	\$52,187.69	\$25,300.00	\$231,131.77
	1411	Community Cemetery	\$38.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$363.00
	9999	Payroll Deductions	\$0.00	\$1,458.54	\$1,437.36	\$21.18
		Total All Funds	\$488,620.33	\$161,088.01	\$135,511.50	\$514,196.84
Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana Detailed Receipts - 2019						
Governmental Activities	TOWNSHIP FUND		General Property Taxes			\$23,201.92
			Financial Institution Tax Distribution			\$59.40
			Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)			\$3,759.31
			Local Income Tax (LIT) Certified Shares			\$3,064.78
			Local Income Tax (LIT) for Public Safety			\$9,988.76
			Earnings on Investments and Deposits			\$1,564.01
			Total TOWNSHIP FUND			\$41,638.18
	FIRE FIGHTING FUND		General Property Taxes			\$30,812.19
			County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)			
			Certified Shares			\$3,064.78
			Local Income Tax (LIT) for Levy Freeze			\$5,224.42
			Financial Institution Tax Distribution			\$87.89
			Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)			\$4,417.06
			Fire Protection Contracts and Service Fees			\$21,586.26
			Other Charges for Services, Sales and Fees/mis - Misc rec			\$268.00
			Total FIRE FIGHTING FUND			\$65,478.60
	CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND		General Property Taxes			\$11,485.27
			County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)			
			Certified Shares			\$24,518.48
			Financial Institution Tax Distribution			\$27.00
			Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)			\$1,356.94
			Other Charges for Services, Sales and Fees/mis - Misc rec			\$14,800.000
			Total CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND			\$52,187.69
	COMMUNITY CEMETERY		Cemetery Receipts			\$325.00
			Total COMMUNITY CEMETERY			\$325.00
	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		Payroll Fund and Clearing Account Receipts			\$1,458.54
			Total PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS			\$1,458.54
Liberty Township, Wabash County, Indiana Disbursements by Vendor - 2019						
Fund/Category/Vendor Name	Amount		Auto Zone		\$241.98	
RAINY DAY FUND			Cares Solutions Inc.		\$1,613.94	
Other Disbursements			Fire Services, Inc.		\$136.78	
Stone Saver Cemetery Restoration	\$7,755.00		Fiernood Tire		\$2,775.18	
RAINY DAY FUND	\$7,755.00		IN Oxygen Co		\$609.24	
TOWNSHIP FUND			Jerry Middleton		\$102.63	
Personal Services			LaFontaine Liberty Fire Dept.		\$110.42	
Greg Baldwin	\$433.33		Nowak Supply Co. Inc.		\$639.40	
Ron Huston	\$433.33		Snyder Tire Battery		\$206.66	
Gregg Wood	\$433.33		Wabash Portable		\$67.77	
Jodi Kaehr	\$979.92		FIRE FIGHTING FUND			
Patty Godfroy	\$8,160.00		Capital Outlays			
US Treasury	\$819.94		Active 911		\$260.00	
TOWNSHIP FUND			LaFontaine Liberty Fire Dept.		\$159.27	
Supplies			WS Darley		\$9,827.40	
Patty Godfroy	\$42.32		FIRE FIGHTING FUND			
Boyce Forms	\$114.88		Other Disbursements			
US Postal Service	\$55.00		Cable Sign Co		\$422.00	
TOWNSHIP FUND			Capstone Insurance Group		\$23,268.64	
Services and Charges			Centurylink		\$289.71	
Centurylink	\$759.91		Ceres Solutions		\$8,892.98	
Indiana Towship Association, Inc.	\$395.00		Fire Services, Inc.		\$8,892.96	
Jennifer Tomson	\$600.00		KH Wrecker Service LLC		\$250.00	
John Sutton	\$300.00		Healthcare Education LLC		\$411.00	
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.	\$105.00		IN Oxygen Co.		\$279.99	
Mark Hobbs	\$1,500.00		John Powell		\$32.10	
NetResults	\$1,112.00		Koorsen Protection Services		\$989.21	
Sean Unger	\$750.00		LaFontaine Liberty Fire Dept.		\$2,625.00	
Stone Saver Restoration	\$3,425.00		Metronet		\$1,135.19	
Wabash Plain Dealer	\$313.13		Patty Godfroy		\$60.00	
John Sutton	\$700.00		Snyder Tire and Battery		\$638.95	
Patty Godfroy	\$2,533.24		TF Powell Construction, Inc		\$150.00	
TOWNSHIP FUND	\$23,965.33		Town of LaFontaine Utilities		\$834.86	
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE			Travelers Insurance		\$1,186.00	
Township Assistance			Triple L LLL		\$2,519.85	
Duke Energy	\$726.12		Vactren		\$2,264.36	
IN Michigan Power	277.60		WS Darley		\$511.93	
NIPSCO	\$161.00		Wabash Portable Equip		\$27.99	
Town of LaFontaine Utilities	\$340.52		Duke Energy		\$1,764.14	
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE			FIRE FIGHTING FUND		\$73,348.57	
Other Disbursements			CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND			
Integrity Funeral Home	\$600.00		Capital Outlays			
Raven Chaste Funeral Home	\$1,600.00		Noble Township		\$10,000.00	
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$3,705.24		Roots Unlimited		\$15,300.00	
FIRE FIGHTING FUND			CUMULATIVE FIRE FUND		\$25,300.00	
Personal Services			PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS			
LaFontaine Liberty Fire Dept.	\$5,800.00		Personal Services			
FIRE FIGHTING FUND			US Treasury		\$1,437.36	
Supplies			PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		\$1,437.36	
Allied 100	\$796.00					
CERTIFICATION						
State of Indiana						
SS:						
Wabash County						
I, Patty Godfroy, Trustee of County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items or expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.						
			(sign)			
LIBERTY TOWNSHIP Trustee:						
Telephone: 765 431-2848						
Date this report was to be published: 2/19/2020						
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of LIBERTY TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 14th day of Jan., 2020.						
			(sign)			
Gregg Wood			Township Board Chairman			
OPTION 1						
This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 14 day of Jan., 2020.						
			Township Board:			
			(sign)			
			(sign)			
			(sign)			
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